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# Debts row splits Labour Party in key constituency

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Fabian Hamilton . . . Rejects

Activists say leadership stifling debate on candidate's record

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was last night accused of suppressing debate about the business record of a would-be parliamentary candidate with a history of company failures and court-enforced debts.

Internal controversy has

Internal controversy has erupted again in the key mar-ginal constituency of Leeds North East, where the Labour leadership last year over-

turned the selection of a left-wing lawyer, Liz Davies. The row is over Fabian Hamilton, a Tony Blair-supporting Leeds councillor who is regarded as: the favourite for the re-run selection on Sunday. Leading constituency mem-hers—including former sup-

bers — including former sup-porters of Ms Davies — have assembled a dossler of court and company documents which, they insist, show Mr Hamilton is unfit to be their MP. Leaked correspondence confirms that national and regional officials have interregional officials have inter-

party meetings.
Mr Hamilton last night Mr Hamilton last night accused his constituency critics of running a "disgraceful smear campaign" against him to boost the fortunes of the leftwing candidate, Pam Tatlow, and take their revenge against the party leadership over the Davies affair. "I have never done anything illegal or immoral and have nothing to hide," he said.

The dispute follows local

The dispute follows local selection battles in Swindon, Exeter and Glasgow Govan which have been fuelled by the tensions over the direction taken by Mr Blair's

vened to block discussion. The argument in the Leeds county court in seven years. about his financial affairs at North East selection focuses. Mr Hamilton, who is chair-North East selection focuses on a series of graphics, print-ing and computer design com-panies run by Mr Hamilton which have been struck off or gone bankrupt over the past five years. Two firms, Crypticks Graphic Design and Serif Typesetting, went into liquidation with debts of £100,000 and £60,000 respec-tively, and several have been struck off.

Among Crypticks Graphic Design's debts were thou-sands of pounds of unpaid wages and national insurance contributions. Mr Hamilton has also had seven personal debts, of from £108 to £1.847, enforced against him by the

Mr Hamilton, who is chairman of education on Leeds council, said last night that the two company liquidations had been the result of the recession and thefts, and that he had "got into serious personal debt" because he had put all his personal funds into trying to save his businesses. Susanna Diegel, managing director of Simba Print, one of Mr Hamilton's creditors,

of Mr Hamilton's creditors, said yesterday he should not new allegations were shown take any public role. Jane to be well-founded, the

ate, a Tony Blair supporter, and I regard him as totally unacceptable."

But a councillor, Tom Mur-

the strongest candidate and the allegations made by his opponents risked "not only damaging the candidate, but the next as wall"

the party as well".
Labour officials said privately that Mr Hamilton had been open about his business; problems in the past, but if Young, vice-chairwoman of Roundhay — one of the four branches in Leeds North East Labour Party — said:
"They're saying this is a left-rise partiamentary candidate was allowed to denigrate another wing plot. But I'm a moder- at party meetings.

John Ezard

Titanic still

mass grave

say experts

cruise ships containing casi- said: "Boney remains are

HE 84-year-old wreck

of the Titanic is still

very likely to be a mass grave, with human remains scattered in and

around it. British scientists

said yesterday.

Their finding emerged as the shadow shipping minister, Glenda Jackson, attacked

efforts to lift part of the liner's hull to the surface. Last night tourists paying up to \$6,000 each watched as a

The tourists - on two

nos — saw the wreck site 420 miles off Newfoundland bril-liantly floodlit on closed-cir-

A first effort to raise the hull section, complete with portholes, failed on Tuesday

when a flotation balloon did

The new scientific opin-

cuit television.

not inflate.



Six out of seven specialists

who were sent written ques-tions by the society's quar-terly bulletin, replied that it

was "probable" that bone and teeth fragments of some of the 1,522 victims had survived in

More intact remains could

be in cabins and sealed areas like cool rooms and strong

Southampton University oceanography centre said: "There are almost certainly

some remains in the immedi ate area." Professor Laurence

Westminster Medical School

The New York company be hind this week's cruise, RMS Titanic Inc, has already sold coal collected from the debris

probably still there."

around the ship.

and around the ship.

# £20 fee casts royal couple asun

igh first divorce of a history became legal quietly yester-day, with only a few aigns of the watershed it marks in British constitutional and public life.

Fitness years and 30 days

Fifteen years and 30 days after their wedding at St Paul's, the narriage of Prince Charles and Princess Diana reached its close less than a mile away at the High Court in London.

The instrument was decree absolute number 5,029, evidence of the fact that they are

dence of the fact that they are hardly alone in their misfortune. It put them finally asunder in 176 words.

After the estimated £15 million diverce settlement, the final recknoing was less expensive. In return for the standard fee of £20, Robin West, Chief clerk to the courts. Family Division, issued the decrea.

As at their weedding up the road, every detail of the div-

road, every detail of the div-orce was subject to scrattage Somerset House staff recorded that the marriage ended at 10.27am and that it was the 5.029th decree abso-lute processed this year.

Copies of the historic docu-ment were later made avail-able for all each, an unpostic sovernir to add to the royal mugs, brechures and plaques produced for the marbeting of the marriage in 1981. Six weeks after the divorce was granted, the certificate records: "And no cause hav-ing been shown, it is hereby certified that the said decree

was on the 28th day of August 1996 made final and absolute and that the said marriage was thereby dissolved."

Charles remained behind the walls of Balmoral all day. Elsewhere in the family's summer holiday, there was a tendency to seek even greater privacy by taking to the hills. The Queen went riding alone by the river Dec. The Duke of Edinburgh went fishing alone on a trout loch; pru-

ing alone on a trout loch; prudent escapes from morning television bulletins which were leading on a mildly jarring gesture by Diana.

She turned up at a long-arranged visit to the English National Ballet wearing her wedding and engagement rings, watched by a crowd which happened to contain an instant expert on such conduct.

"It's not a sign of letting go," said David Cohen, author of Body Language In Relationships. "I think it's an un-



Princess Diana wearing her wedding and engagement rings at an English National Ballet lunch yesterday PHOTOGRAPH Dan Cla

After Gatting came John | was M.S.T. Dunstan, a

bappy thing to wear your rings, and she likes them, viewer asked the company's wedding and engagement there is no reason why she principal male dancer: "She rings on the day of your should not continue to wear seemed to enjoy talking to you a lot?". In Scotland, John Major did not rule out

was an all too typical first day

# It defends itself against charges of grave-robbery by stressing that it does not plan to breach the two main hull sections of the wreck. specialists, provide evidence that the expedition is "graverobbing", according to the British Titanic Society. Sections of the wreck. Yesterday the bulletin editor, Brian Ticehurst, the naval historian, said: "Our survey means that the expedition is most certainly grave-robbine." $\mathit{The}$ Guardian International & The Observer Travel Bag

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Salding could be at omission from the training session.

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Liam Botham . . . better start than his father

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divorce".

Later, however, another expert, David Williamson, of Debretts, said: "If they are nice Ballet, a television intersection of the future".

them. There is no form or you a lot?". In Scotland, John Major did not rule out Charles remarrying "at some stage in the future".

# Son of Beefy follows family line - and length - in debut

John Duncan Sports Correspondent

OUNDING into the ground late, throwing on his whites, chucking down a few looseners and then with his seventh luck to him." bell taking the wicket of a former England captain with a legside full toss, Liam Botham, the 19-yearold son of Ian, yesterday entered the family business first class cricket - with a startling five for 67 for Hampshire. "I went over to wish bim

all the best and this is the way he repays me," said Mike Gatting, Botham Jur's first victim. "Ian never got me out in 15 years, but then his boy gets me out in seven balls. Good

Liam's debut was typi-cally dramatic. He was 15 minutes late for the match, having been extoneously sent to Southampton for a second XI game. He was summoned back but was further delayed by a traffic accident on the M27 and ar-tived with 12 balls already

"I suppose people will say this is a typical Botham start," said Botham. "But I am Liam, not Ian, and I in-tend to make my own way. There was an element of good fortune about the wickets, but they all count. My dad was accused of the same thing, but he liked to think he bowled people

His father, who missed his son's unexpected debut, was notorious for picking up wickets off terrible balls and would have recognised the manner of some of yesterday's dismissals.

Carr (nick to keeper off Gloucestershire tailender short widish bad ball), then trapped Ibw for 10, with Botham posting poor bowland bowled off full toss), ing figures of one for 51.

then Richard Fay (soft catch to covers) and finally born two months later in a then Richard Fay (soft catch to covers) and finally Phil Tufnell (caught be-hind, but refused to walk

debut was at The Parks against Oxford University on May 11, 1974, where he was out for two and had figures of nought for 10. His first wicket, 16 days later, Pieture, page 15

limited overs match against Hampahire. Somerset were way behind at 113 for eight, he was so aghast).

In fact, Liam made a far more auspicious start than his father. Ian's first-class knocked out by Andy Roberts. After a glass of water he resumed play and slogged Somerset to

#### Sketch

# leaves them flat



Jonathan Freedland

N San Diego we got the Oprah Winfrey Show. In Chicago we got Jackanory. At the Republican bash, Elizabeth Dole stole the hearts of the convention crowd when she played television talk-show hostess and plunged into the audience to deliver an apparently off-the-cuff ode to "the man I love" — a psalm she has delivered word for

The fact that it was utterly unspontaneous and choked with saccharin mattered not a jot. As the First-Lady-in-Watting she set the standard the

exact word at campaign stops

real First Lady had to match There was a good deal of anticipation for this contest. The entrepreneurial folk of Michigan Avenue were mak ing a rapid buck on badges urging "Give 'Em Hell, Hilla-ry". There were few takers among the White House staffers in town, who have suffered seeing Mrs Clinton spend the last four years following the

badges' advice to the letter. Stand-up comedian Pat Paulsen, who doubles as America's Screaming Lord Sutch, running for president regularly since 1968, said it night be simpler if the two ladies scrapped the speeches and started mud-wrestling.

But there was no such action on the podium at Chicago. Instead the charmingly-named Second Lady, Tipper Gore, played warm-up woman while fleet-footed aides among the 4,320 delegates handed out

white sticks to any takers. led in some peasants' revolt, brandishing staffs on the orders of their latter-day Boudicca? Were the Democrats about to stage a psychodrama re-enactment of 1968, wielding the faux-truncheons in memory of the police riot that last greeted their gathering here? Not at all. The sticks were to be joined to the pre-distrib-

First night

Michael Billington

N Germany, and through-

out most of Europe, Botho Strauss is big news: 400 crit

miere of his Ithaka. In Britain he has scarcely dented the surface. But Time and the

Room, seen last year at the Gate, resurfaces in Edinburgh

in a stylish Nottingham Play-

house production, directed by Martin Duncan, that proves

cryptically intriguing con-temporary playwrights.

written in 1988, is that it reveals both sides of his char-acter. In part, it displays an

temporary playwrights.
In Germany Strauss is notorious for his alleged swing
from left to right; and what is
fascinating about this play,

instinctive feminism and ap-plauds the ability of women to

defeat patriarchal structures Yet it also has something of

the quirky social pessimism of fifties absurdist writers such as Ionesco. It is this tension

that makes it such an ambigu-

ous play.
In the first half we watch as

two men sit in a room that is

part executive office, part chic

art gallery, and gaze wanly at the street below. They ob:

the restless unease and futility

of city life and, as they de-

ics, myself included, lately attended the Munich pre-

Royal Lycaum, Edinburgh

each delegate clutched to their lap. "Welcome Home Hillary" "Chicago Loves Hillary", they said—a warm reminder that Hillary Rodham grew up in the Windy City. Grew up, inci-

dentally, as a Republican. Her new party forgave her that, forgave her fuzziness on Whitewater, her solarium seances with the spirit of Elea-nor Roosevelt, her torpedoing of the health care reform flagship of the Clinton presidency — they for gave it all, in a thundering ovation.
It lasted for minutes, drown

ing out her attempts to start speaking. Then, in a novel act at a political convention, the delegates stamped their feet. Raw and heartfelt, the sound was loudest among the women, who sense that when a man attacks Hillary, he is hav-

ing a go at all of them. But here is the furmy thing: the cheers before she spoke were far stronger than those afterwards. She had taken an audience bursting with enthu siasm and dellated them faste than a convention balloon.

It was not enough to speak about family values, one had to "value families", she sald in flat, almost robotic tones, as if dictating a letter down a ropey phone line. Or competing for the school elocution prize. Her chief theme was a play

on the title of her book, It Takes a Village (to raise a child). This has become the de fining metaphor of the Clin-ton administration — hence Bob Dole's rebuttal in San Diego: "With all due respect, i does not take a village." he said. "It takes a family." In Chicago, Hillary got her own back. Yes, of course it

took parents like her and Bill (a subtle dig at Elizabeth Dole who has no children), but it also took a village. And she added a twist: "It takes a presi dent. It takes Bill Clinton."

cowed by the buckets of vitriol that have been heaped on her since her husband took office. When she came on, the "video wall" showed archive shots from 1992, when Tipper and Hillary clasped each other and did a cheerleader bob of their heads from side to side. Tipper had not changed at all. But Hillary was another person. And the chant of "Four More Years" sounded less like a hope than a curse.

Pessimist pins his

hopes on women

## Labour demands watchdog inquiry into GEC deal as shareholders fume over 'too easy' bonus clause

# Robotic Hillary £10m pay stirs fat cat row

ABOUR yesterday accused engineering and electronics giant GEC of flout-ing rules aimed at stopping excessive pay and easy bonuses by offering its new managing director a pay package worth up to 210 milion over the next five years. George Simpson's deal also sharp criticism from najor investors and brought the prospect of a public slang-ing match at the group's shareholder meeting next

spokesman Nigel Griffiths claimed the deal made a

"mockery" of the Greenbury committee's recommendations on top pay and perks.

The committee, chaired by

Marks & Spencer chairman Sir Richard Greenbury, was set up in the wake of the pay scandals in the utilities and created a code of practice. Mr Griffiths said: "It sets a very had example to everyone when the Government is advising pay restraint. I think that abury should look at this

make recommendations. Shareholders complain that Mr Simpson's contract was slipped out too late for them to take action on, and that it sets criteria for achieving hefty honuses which are too easy to meet.

pay and pensions advice said last night. The company body, said the terms and con has done the right thing in ditions should have been included in the report and ac-count to shareholders. She described the performancerelated criteria as "patently

"There is no point in having a performance criterion which is such a low hurdle you can hop over it at almost any point in the company's programme," she said. "You may as well simply give some-body a hag of cash."

stitutions claim the deal breaches rules endorsed by the Association of British Insur-ers, designed to ensure that huge bonuses can only be won by exceptional performance.

has done the right thing in disclosing the terms of the contract, but the performance conditions do not seem to be demanding enough."

A spokeswoman for Nor-

wich Union said the insurance company was "fairly un-happy" with the apparent homes conditions, but was try-ing to clarify the details. Mr Simpson's contract stip-

ulates a salary of 2600,000, plus an annual bonus up to helf that amount, and generous pension payments. It also provides for share options to be awarded each year at the discretion of the board's Remuneration Committee, and includes a further long-term incentive scheme, the combination of which could

angry at the performance cripay cash based on GEC's share price performance, but judges performance only over a six-month period and requires GEC shares to per-

requires GEC shares to per-form only 10 per cent better than the average of the top-100 companies.

Several shareholders said Mr Simpson's deal must have been necessary to lure him-from the top post at engineer-ing group Lucas. One pointed out that GEC had been under pressure from shareholders to make an outside appointto make an outside appointment, and would mavitably have to pay heavily for the right calibre person.



# Arafat in showdown with Israel Kidnap

#### PLO president says Israel has 'declared war'

on Palestinians

HE Palestinian legis lative council yester-day called for a halt to all contacts with Israel, hours after President Yasser Arafat had accused war on the Palestinians by its hardline policies on settle-ments and Jerusalem.

Dramatically raising the stakes in his increasingly ac-rimonious stand-off with the Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, Mr Arafat called a general strike throughout the West Bank and Geza Strip today. He also urged all Palestinians, including those living in Israel, to converge on Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque tomorrow for

ion Organisation leader's first call for mass action since the days of the intifada, when strikes regularly paralysed the occupied territories.

Mr Netanyahu responded sharply, warning that the government would regard ny violence "with severity". any violence "with severity".

Palestinian sources say Mr
Arafat is exasperated with Israel's reluctance to resume
serious negotiations on longstanding disputes, notably the
redeployment of occupation
forces in the West Bank town

of Hebron. The Palestinians also deeply resent Mr Netanyahu's encouragement for renewed Jewish settlement in the West Bank, unveiled earlier this

The frustration surfaced yesterday as Mr Arafat addressed the Palestinian council in the West Bank own of Ramallah.

He said that the "continu ous violations (of the peace accords) and crimes from this new Israeli leadership mean they are declaring a state of war against the Palestinian people".

He pointedly focused the

dispute on Jerusalem claimed by Israel and the Pal-estinians as their capital — where the Israelis this week demolished a Palestinian community centre in the Arab Old Town. "Israel has started the war

on Jerusalem. They are idiots to have started the Jerusalem battle. There will be no Pales-tinian state without Jerusa-Hem." Mr Aratat declared.

Re called a token general stoppage "for Jerusalem" throughout the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, from Sam to midday today.

to midday today.

More flamboyantly, he urged all Palestinians, includ-ing those in Israel, to converge on the al-Aqsa mosque for Friday prayers. Jewish and Christian supporters



Yasser Arafat arrives for a crists meeting of the Palestinian legislative council yesterday

The PLO leader's outburst was received coldly by the Is-

raeli government. The prime

minister's office rejected "any attempt to bring about

should accompany them, he could harm the peace process said. ... especially in light of emerging understandings be-tween Israel and the Palestinian Authority to advance their negotiations on a num-ber of important issues".

tivists yesterday accused is-rael of "ethnic cleansing" by planning the eviction of Bedouin Arabs from a West Bank encampment to allow a Jew-

ish settlement to expand.

A Palestinian cabinet minister, Saeb Erekat, led about

50 dovish Israelis and Pales tinians on a solidarity visit to the 50 families of the Jahhalin tribe, who have been given until September 4 to move from their camps to a new location designated by the Is-raeli government. — Reuter.

# accused is freed in error

MAN awaiting trial for Akidnapping was among more than 500 inmates freed from prison in the "early release" flasco, the on Service confirmed last

The man was released by mistake by Norwich prison on Friday but later re-ar-rested in a nasty incident in which his four-year-old son

was allegedly injured.

The incident highlights the difficulties which will face the police if Michael Howard. the Home Secretary, wins today's High Court battle over the legality of his decision to suspend the early release pro-gramme and if he orders the return to jail of the 537 pris-oners set free. The last option is unlikely but Mr Howard is seeking legal advice on whether it is possible.

In the Norwich incident, police went round to the man's home when the prison discovered its mistake. The door was answered by his wife who apparently denied any knowledge of the pris-oner. However, his four-year-old son reportedly piped up: "But mummy, daddy is upstairs."

The police forced their way into the house and, allegedly after a violent struggle, the man was arrested. Prison service sources claim the boy

was injured.

A Prison Service spokes man explained that the man was serving a sentence as well as being on remand for the alleged kidnapping. He was released with 537 other prisoners when the new Prison Service guidance, on how time spent on remand was to be deducted from sentences, was issued. They did not notice that there were outstanding warrants when the sentence calculation was

done," he added. Mr Howard is hoping that a High Court hearing today will end this latest nightmare for the Prison Service. Two judges will rule on whether he acted lawfully in suspending the early release policy or is guilty of falsely imprisoning up to 4,000 inmates whose sentences have been wrongly

The Director-General of the Prison Service, Richard Tilt, admitted on Tuesday that the whole affair had been "gravely mishandled" and he had to offer a humiliating personal application. We Roward. The Director-General of the

sonal apology to Mr Howard.
The Prison Service spokesman insisted that officials were not aware of any more "surprises" in connection with the debacle.

#### scribe characters from the world outside, so these start to invade their ivory tower.

The dialogue, in Jeremy Sams's new translation, is lively. But you can't help feeling there is something reactionary about Strauss's despair at the emptiness of daily reality. "In this life," says one character, "all we've got is our memories. All the rest is looking through the window until we vanish from the face of the earth." So much for the possibility of social progress.

But there is another, more radical side to Strauss that

emerges through the central character of Marie Steuber: a constantly shifting, adaptable figure who shows that women contain multiple selves. At times, she seems like Wede-kind's Lulu in that she is the creation of male fantasies. At other times, she mercurially re-invents herself: in one fine scene she runs rings round a sweaty potential employer by teasingly pretending to be in love with him.

What the play finally says is anybody's guess; but, in Dun-can's production and Anita Dobson's striking performance, the emphasis is very much on female resilience in

disintegrating world. The production also brings out Strauss's humour: most especially through the exespecially introduct the ex-changes of the beige-suited window-gazing Julius and Olaf, played, respectively, by Tyrone Huggins and John Ramm as a cool dude and a quivering neurotic.

There is also immaculate design and lighting by Wolfgang Gobbel who creates an hygienic white space that becomes a vehicle for trompe l'oeil effects. Even on a third viewing the play sometimes baffles; but at its heart lies an intriguing contest between Strauss's loathing of our consumerist culture and his radical belief in the multi-faceted-

ness of woman. This review appeared in later editions yesterday.

#### New gene may be breakthrough in battle against some cancers

Jane Alfred

THE discovery of a virus-at-tacking gene which could lead to a breakthrough in the battle against some forms of cancer and other viral diseases is announced by scien-

vide new clues as to how cer-tain viruses, called retrovirleukaemia and AIDS.

Jonathan Stoye, head of the research team, said: "It (the gene) attacks a novel part of the retroviral life cyle. It gives us a new spot, a new than a TV screen. It can be read at a computer work.

## TV switch to the big screen Hicholas Bannist

Technology Editor

UTCH electronics giant Philips yester-day unveiled what it hopes will be the biggest revolution in television—a large flat TV screen which can be hung on the wall like a painting.

The group said that its new TV, with its 42.3 inch wide, 24 inch high and 4 inch thick cinema-format screen, would go on sale next spring for about

tists today

It is hoped the gene, which has eluded scientists for more than two decades, will pro
starting point. We have used as a computer monitor, compatible with the three main TV standards—

PAL, NTSC, and Secam.

"When the TV is not in changed colour when elec-use the screen can be used trically charged. to carry large pictures of anything from your favourite snaps or a Gauguin painting," a company spokesman said. "You can even change the picture at regular intervals and use it for playing computer

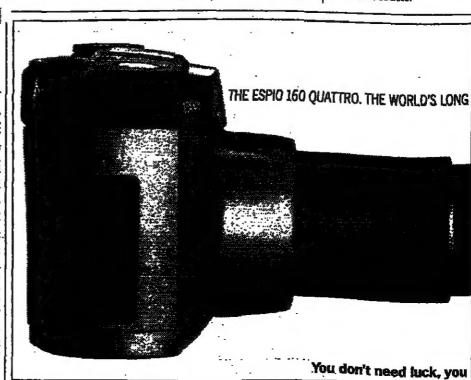
Electronics groups have been trying for years to de-velop large flat screens but have found that they have been unable to make hig liquid crystal displays screens without large num-bers of pixels — the dots which make up the screen failing to work. There also tends to be a time lag with fast moving images. The spokesman said with the new screen each pixel was made up of a gas/

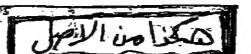
At first the screen will be connected by wire to a box containing the main TV electronics, but Philips is developing wireless links. It expects customers will want to connect the screen not only to the basic TV

ers, video recorders, cam-corders and the like. "Customers will not want. wires coming down from the screen like spagnetti," the spokesman said. "Ultimately you will turn the screen on and it will auto-matically tune itself in to the other appliances in the

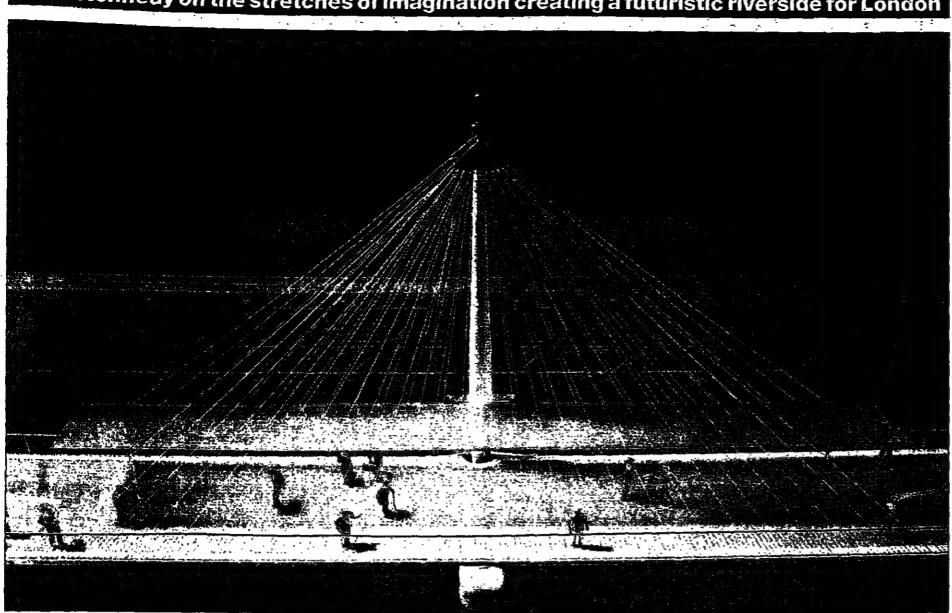
works but also to comput-

Philips unveiled its new TV, to go on sale next spring, at the CeBIT Home Electronics Show in Hano-





## Maev Kennedy on the stretches of imagination creating a futuristic riverside for London



A section of the design by architects Lifschutz Davidson which is intended to replace the Hungerford pedestrian bridge between Charing Cross and Waterloom to save the same functions and the control of the design by architects Lifschutz Davidson which is intended to replace the Hungerford pedestrian bridge between Charing Cross and Waterloom to save the same function of the design by architects Lifschutz Davidson which is intended to replace the Hungerford pedestrian bridge between Charing Cross and Waterloom to save the same function of the design by architects Lifschutz Davidson which is intended to replace the Hungerford pedestrian bridge between Charing Cross and Waterloom to save the same function of the same







Three of the designs for potential habitable bridges, which the public will vote on: top, the Fature Systems entry; middle, the Branson Coates entry; bottom, the entry by Antoine Grumbach

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## 'Seaside pier' bridge to replace Thames eyesore

Thames yesterday, although only one is likely to get off the drawing board — a £15 million sleek white steel "seaside pier" intended as a replace ment for the Victorian Hun-

The other two are less likely to achieve concrete reality. One, which so far has neither funding nor a definite site, is envisaged as the first stream towa habitable bridge since the Parliament. were demolished in the 18th century. The other, which has yet to reach the design stage, is also a foothridge, planned to link St Paul's Cathedral with the new Bankside Tate

A parmership of local au-thorities, businesses and Rail-track is confident of attracting more than £7 million in Millennium Lottery funding

ONDON was offered a and already has most of the broad sweep of new matching funding to build the bridges across the Hungerford replacement between Charing Cross and

Waterloo. Architects Lifschutz David son, with engineers WSP have designed a pair of white painted steel cable-stayed bridges flanking the railway bridge repainted in its bright Victorian livery. For the first time since 1865 pedestrians would also be able to look upstream towards the Houses of

only surviving part of Isambard Kingdom Brunel's origi-nal bridge, are used to take people down to an island pontoon, with cases and a river bus and pleasure boat

The architects are best known for their award winning work on the Coin Street ore than £7 million in community housing project mium Lottery funding on the South Bank.

"This bridge is for use, for fun and for getting people back to the river." Alex Lifschutz said yesterday.

The present footbridge is one of the capital's most heavily used eyesores, carrying up to 2,000 people an hour.

The original Hungerford bridge was built by Brunel in 1845 for pedestrians, carts and river boat loading. It was a river boat loading. It was a commercial failure, and in

1865 was replaced by the pres ent railway bridge, with the footbridge along alongside. Seven designs for the bridge with housing, by inter-nationally renowned architerday. The competition is organised by the Royal Academy of Arts, linked to an exhibition next month on habit-able bridges. The public will be invited to vote on the de

signs when they go on show

at the Royal Academy next

The architects include Dar iel Libeskind, designer of the controversial proposed exten bert Museum, and Zaha Ha-did, whose radical design for a new Cardiff Bay Opera House was rejected by the Millennium Commission. The other competitors are Future Systems, Rob Krier, Autoine Grumbach, Ian Ritchie and

# Quit Ulster, loyalists tell hardliners

David Sharrock

HE loyalist paramilitary leadership last night moved decisively to stamp out growing dissent over its esefire by giving two hardlimers 72 hours to get out of Ulster or face "summary

The move comes amid increasing fears that the Ulster Volunteer Force is about to end its ceasefire and appears end its ceasetire and appears to mark the climax of a potentially explosive rift between the Belfast leadership—which favours maintaining the ceasefire—and mid-Ulster elements which claim considerable grassroots

support.
The two men named in a statement issued by the Com-bined Loyalist Military Command — the umbrella leader-ship of the UVF. Ulster Freedom Fighters and Red Hand Commando - are Billy Wright, also known as King Rat, and Alec Kerr.

Within hours of the state-ment, Mr Wright attacked the CLMC but did not say what he intended to do about the apparent threat to his life.
Mr Wright's involvement in the Orange Order's stand-off

at Drumcree, outside Porta-down in Co Armagh, last month was highlighted on television. He was involved in discussions with the Ulster Unionist leader, David Trim-ble, about loyalist tactics in response to the RUC's refusal to allow Orangemen to return from a church service past a

Catholic housing estate. During the confrontation, a Catholic taxi driver, Michael McGoldrick from Lurgan, was murdered. All three loy-alist paramilitary groups de-nied involvement and the UVF said it would carry out

an investigation.

Mr Kerr is an unemployed glazier and former Ulster Democratic Party repres tive in south Belfast. He moved to mid-Ulster last year party leadership and is presently on remand facing a

Last night's statement reads: "The CLMC having ... concluded an ongoing investigation issue the following di-rective. As from midnight tonight Mr Billy Wright has 72 hours to leave Ulster. Mr Alec Kerr must remain at all times in isolation whilst in custody. Upon his release he must leave Ulster within 72

"Failure by either man to conform with this directive will result in summ tice for their treasonable and subversive activities. Anyone supporting these persons in any way or their actions will be similarly dealt with."

Mr Wright commented later: "I will not have anyone impose alien politics on me. I find it incredible that these two organisations demanded restraint after the murder of British citizens ... and ordered their volunteers not to support the Orange Institu-tion at Drumcree ... yet they would dare threaten a true loyalist. I will leave it up to the Unionist people to judge

these people."

Both men live in Portadown, the "loyalist citadel" of Northern Ireland which is noted for its hardline oppos tion to the last decade's

Anglo-Irish process.
Mr Wright, aged 34, is well-known for his scepticism over the merits of maintaining a loyalist ceasefire now that the IRA has ended its own He has been questioned on

many occasions about serious crime in Mid-Ulster and admits that he has been nicknamed King Rat - a name which strikes fear into many

He has never been con-victed of paramilitary of-fences. He has survived several assassination attempts, including one by former INLA leader Dominic McGlinchey, himself the victim of assassination in 1994.

One of the reasons which may have led the CLMC to issue the threat to Mr Wright is that he is highly articulate port not just in mid-Ulster but across Northern Ireland

# Hijack passengers tell of 'bomb' terror

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airhus gave a denight of the terror that broke out among the 160 passengers when they thought one of the men had a bomb.

As detectives continued to

question the seven men and six women, all fragis, arrested following the conclusion of the siege at Standad airport on Tuesday, Elegand A-Saied, assistant marketing director for services planning for Sudan Air, who was trav-cling as a passenger, relived the moments they feared they would all die.

kids crying, everything, Everything is left to God but I thought they were going to do something bad. I was sitting near the cock-

pit when suddenly there was shouting from the back of the

EST ZOOM COMPACT.

chaos, it seems as it some of the passengers had grabbed one of the hijackers and da-tained him themselves. One of his colleagues was shout of his colleagues was shouting for the passengers to let him go, he had something in his hand: He threatened to him the plane up and obviously the passengers then let the man they had grabbed hold of go."

He said when the hijackers first made their move there was confusion. One passenger was rut with a knife as he

was confusion. One passenger
was cut with a hufe as he
struggled with a hijscher and
wounded his arm.
"I was threatened but not
hust," he added. "I was really
scared like everybody also."
His was one of a number of

gers, who gave statements to police through interpreters. Several hailed flight captain Abdul Hamid Hidirbi, 51,

as the hero of the hour.
"It was very terrib a you see, especially for those who were carrying their kids with them, said Mohamed Sadiq, an engineer from Khartoum aged in his thirties.
The hijackers told the

people to be calm and to stay still and not to move. They had knives with them." After their ordeal, which began when the aircraft was hisacked around an hour after it took off from Khartoum

bound for Amman in Jordan the passengers spent the night in the Stansted Rillton. Police confirmed yesterday that two people received stab wounds during the hijack, Some Tory backbenchers

but the other, a passenger, did not require treatment.

The passengers are expected to continue their journey today. There was still no clear indication as to the identities of the hijackers, who are all being held at Harlow police station, or their motive other

than the early indications

There were women crying, kids crying, everything. thought they were

going to do something bad . . was really. scared like

everybody else.'

that they were looking for po-litical asylum. One theory is that members of the group had been acting as advisers to the Sudanese regime but feared for their lives when they were recalled to had. Any claim for political asylum by the group, which includes two children who

spent a second night in police

care last night, poses a di-lemma for the Government.

afroraft and there was a lot of which began on Monday showed signs of sympathy for chaos. It seems as if some of afternoon. One male crew the Iraqis' plight yesterday, the passengers had grabbed member was taken to hospital while others were keen to see hospital for the

them returned to Iraq.
However, Michael Howard,
the Home Secretary, made it
clear that justice would have
first priority as he defended the decision to allow the air craft to land. He said the Hague Convention provided for countries to allow hi-jacked planes to land to safeguard passengers. "There were 190 passengers on board this plane and you have to have regard to their safety."

Mr Roward said the Crown

Presecution Service was con risection service was curing the hi-jackers, and added: "I believe that those who are guilty of the serious offence of hijacking should be brought to jus-He told BBC Radio 4's

Today programme: "There is no question . . of considering any claim for asylum until the claim for criminal pro-ceedings has been resolved. "After that question has been resolved then if they make an application for sylum we are obliged to consider it. We can take into account any acts of which they have been found guilty, and if you are found guilty of a par-

from asylum." If also emerged yesterday that \$200,000 (£130,000) was being carried in a suitcase in the aircraft cockpit.

ticular crime, that is some thing that can disentitle you

hospital for the hijacker who went home

Christopher Elliott

knows only too well the risks any hijacker faces on return to the country from which he was fleeing. His older brother Mouss

died in a Tanzanian prison hospital after he returned voluntarily. He had received an eight-year fail sentence in England for carrying out the last hijack settled on British soil, at Stansted in 1982, with four others including Yassin.

"He was the only one who went back, some time in the early nineties," said Mr early nineties," said Mr Membar, aged 35, now a legal executive with a firm of east London solicitors. "When he landed in Tan-

zania he was immediately detained and kept for months in prison. Eventu-ally he became ill, I don't know how, and was taken to hospital where he died." Mr Membar was one of the hijackers who selzed the Boeing 737. Tango Charlie 206, shortly after it Dar-es-Salaam with 99 pas-



Yassin Membar: one of five who seized Tanzanian jet

Using an imitation gun and candlesticks made to look like dynamits the hi-jackers forced the pilot to fly to Nairobi, Jiddah, and Athens. Fourteen hostages had been freed before the aircraft reached Stansted. After a 26-hour siege, the men gave themselves up on the understanding that they would not be sent

They were jailed for a total of 27 years, with Moussa, their leader, who had been implicated in a failed coup in Tanzanta, getting eight years and his brother Yassin three years. When we came out we were led to believe that our

lives were in danger." said Mr Membar, who was given took off from Mwanse on a temporary permission to 500-mile internal flight to stay in Britain, finally made indefinite two years

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## **Armed robbers** net £2m in raid on security van

Duncan Campbell Crime Correspondent

bers yesterday escaped with £2 million in cash in the second London security van attack in less than a

ample of an increase in attacks on security vans by

They struck at 5pm on Tuesday as the van returned to the Security Express depot on an industrial estate at Barking, east London.

Two men held a handgun to the head of one of the guards while another guard was made to unload bags of cash believed to total about £2

The money was put into green plastic wheelie bins and pushed by the robbers

into a blue Renault van. The four robbers, all masked, drove off in the van - leaving a stolen articulated lorry blocking the entrance to the industrial estate.

A stolen Land Rover, with its engine still running, was found at the depot. The robbers abandoned their van at the Tesco car

park in Barking after wheel-ing the money into another vehicle and escaping No trace has been found of the weapons or the cash bags. One of the robbers was de-

scribed as about 6ft 2in and Detective Inspector Freder-

is leading the investigation A Security Express spokesman said: "It is a sad fact that the environment in which we work is becoming increasingly dangerous and criminals will stop at nothing for money.'

Last week, an unarmed uniformed officer, PC Clive Nor-man, was shot in the leg by masked men attempting to rob a Security Express van delivering to a NatWest bank in Stockwell, south London. Police are not linking the two attacks at this stage.

The latest robbery is an indication that experienced professional criminals still regard security vans as vui-

Many of the previous gen-eration of armed robbers have moved into the rela-tively safer world of drug dealing and fraud.

So far this year the Flying Squad — which investigates armed robberies on security vehicles, banks, post offices. building societies and betting people in connection with

attacks on security yans. Police sources indicate that while other forms of armed robbery in the Metropolitan police area are down, there has been an increase in robberies of security vans. The Flying Squad has a 30

ing robbers. armed crimes last year but the majority were not as ick May of the Flying Squad | ing raid.

per cent success rate in catch-



Anthony Nellson preparing his production of Hoover Bag, part of next month's London New Play Festival. The audience will be wired up and monitored for cardio vascular fluctuation. It is sponsored by the Centre for Cardio Theatrical Research

Party strategists unbowed by 'demon eyes' rebuke

# **Tories will still play** the devil with Blair

Michael White

NAPOLOGETIC Conservative election strategists last night made plain that they will not abundon their "denion eyes" campaign against Labour despite a ruling by the Advertising Stan-dards Authority that Tony Blair had been depicted in a "dishonest and smister" way However, the authority rejected complaints, from churches as well as Labour. that the Blair ad - printed in three Sunday newspapers -had caused offence by attributing "satante qualities" to the Labour marine

it was a view promoted by Labour's computen strategast, Peter Mandelson MP, who last might called the outcome

do not want abusive, negative advertising brought into British politics"

The authority told Tory HQ not to repeat the bright red
"demon cyes" poster because
it had not sought Mr Blair's
permission to use his picture 'in an adverse or offensive

way" — a complaint upheld in commercial advertising in recent years. it was the first such ruling since the authority's remit was amended in 1993 to let it pass judgement on political ads, and some senior Tories privately predicted that both the authority and the Labour Party would come to regret the precedent as a serious in-fringement of freedom of po-

Publicly Labour was de-lighted and the Tories ciaimed a "score-draw". But the Conservatives say they will continue to use the cur-

in future New Labour, New

Danger campaigning They eite Clare Short's "dark forces" remarks about the Labour leader's entourage to justify the Blair ad which cost them \$125,000 and generated — party officials glee-fully claim — E5 million worth of free publicity.

Voters can expect much more negative advertising in already clashed with the Daily Mail over its reports that Nissan car executives may withdraw further investment from the I'K if Labour wins. Nissan's chief, lan Gibson, wrote to Mr Blair saying the firm had "no negative feelings" about a win.

Last night Mr Blam chal lenged John Major to tell his party HQ to "clean up its act", have been sanctioned it was

## Money pours in but Tory finances remain fragile

at Conservative

hype about being 'back in the black'

the past year still leaves Tory finances in a far more fragile pre-election state will end up as donations or than predicted before pubgifts. But many associalication of the audited ac-

counts last night. Despite pre-publication hype to the effect that the party was "back in the black" for the first time since the 1992 election. Conservative strategists still owe over £8.5 million, mostly to local Tory associ-ations and to companies or private individuals such as the Yorkshire textile magnate, Sir Graham Kirkham, who have made interestfree loans.

free loans.

Brian Mawhinney, the party chairman, said in a statement that a revenue surplus for the third year running showed "an increasing number of successful British companies and antrepreneurs" real. and entrepreneurs" realised how important a con-

The party was now ready to fight and win the next election, whenever it

comes", he said. Labour this week resorted to professional telephone fund-raising to offset the expected £20 million Tory war chest, and a Media Week survey today suggests equal spending on advertising so far this year. But the Tories still have vital advantages. Yesterday they admitted to a £615,000 deficit, which prompted Labour's campaigns co-or-dinator, Brian Wilson, MP, to ask where last year's £11.4 million overdraft had

disappeared to. "The Conservative Party's refusal to reveal fund-ing sources remains one of the great democratic defi-cits in British public life," he said. In fact, much of the deficit has simply been shifted from banks to pri-

tions have loaned £5.5 million, repayable on demand, which pays interest on past debts, but not capital — a "black hole" of up to £19 counts are offset by the admillion mostly owed to the Royal Bank of Scotland, £8.5 million still exist.

Michael White looks
Adonations to Conservative

At Conservative largely shifted elsewhere. "I hope that these loans

> tions were reluctant to give us money to put into the black hole ... they have put us on probation," a saidyesterday.

With an income of £18.82 million in the year ending in March - up from £12.7 million last year - Dr Mawhitmey, and his deputy. Michael Trend, MP, are hullish that they will have enough support to fight the

As usual, Tory officials are coy about sources and -- in contrast to far more detailed Labour accounts due this weekend, and those of the Liberal Demo-crats — decline to identify individual donors, some of

'Much of the deficit has simply been shifted from banks to private loans'

whom only surface via the

courts.

Asil Nadir, fugitive Polly Peck tycoon, gave at least £400,000 which auditors have been unable to reclaim despite routine as-sertions that illegal funds are always returned. The cessful in toughing it out.

By cutting costs of running headquarters, the party has offset past extravagances, though spending is creeping up as poli-ing day approaches. Conferences and publicity rose from £400,000 to £1.6

to a perilous 34 in 1995, is now 113. Claims that donations in June and July have eliminated the remaining £1.9 million of bank debt recorded in the audited ac-

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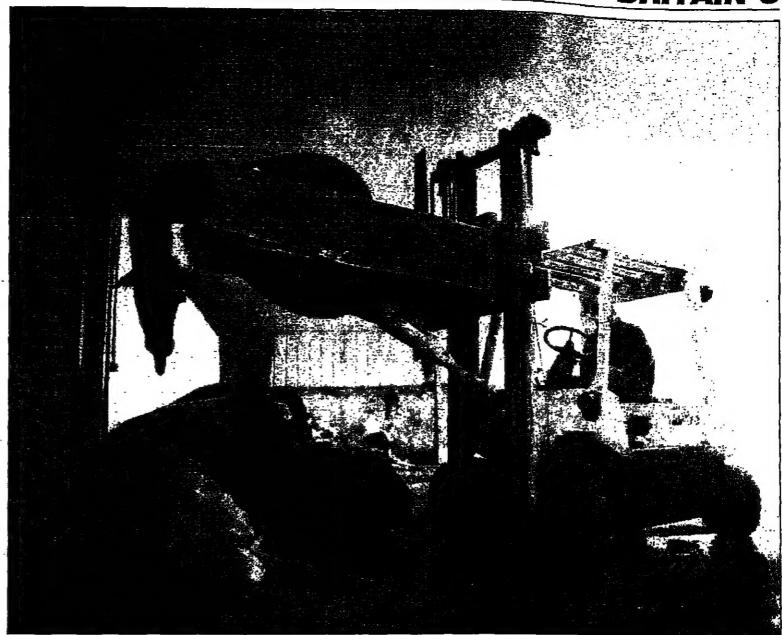
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Mad cow disease is on the wane and could die out by the year 2001, say scientists. But figures produced by their latest research could have 'a considerable public health significance'. Tim Radford reports on a new embarrassment for Government



After the slaughter . . . BSE-infected cattle being piled up at an incinerator, but the risk to public health still remains

# 700,000 BSE cattle 'fed to humans'

with bovine spongiform en-cephalopathy (BSE) may have been turned end of 1995, scientists esti-

mate today.

The figure, they say, could be of "considerable public health significance". It is also another embarassment for the Government. Agriculture ministers and health experts claimed for a decade — and continued to claim until March 20 this year — that British beef was safe and humans were not at risk

But now scientists on whom the Government relies for advice on the Aids epidemic confirm what oppoAn international team led

by Professor Roy Anderson, director of the Centre for the Epidemiology of Infectious Disease, used techniques developed to calculate the pro-gress of HIV infection in Brit-ain. The team turned to BSE after the announcement of 12 cases of a new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD) which had close similarities with BSE. The intention was to help predict the impact of various culling policies.

What they report in the science magazine Nature today is good and bed news

ORE than culture have been saying for the BSE epidemic will fade of Grest Britain since the distance of all the victims have already spongiform encephalopathy tered for food. The suspicion is that it was spongiform encephalopathy than culture have been slaugh the BSE decade, of all the victims have already fallen sick and died. They predece the distance of the disease in 1986. culling - another 6,950 cases of BSE have yet to be diag-

> 'Solid work by too few scientists with too few studies and too few animals'

towards extinction in the ear 2001. But the end of BSE in cattle will not be the end of worries about human health. There have been 161,412

spread by contaminated feed

- made with protein from
dead cattle and sheep — and a
ban on the use of that had, they say, an immediate and

But contaminated feed continued to infect animals until mid-1994: since then, they be-lieve, new infections have been passed from mother to calf. The scientists calculated a mean incubation period of five years for BSE. But beef cattle are normally slaugh-tered within three years. So the team had to make esti-mates of the number of eni-mals that might have gone to the abbattoir with BSE, but not yet the symptoms.

organs. Use of these in human food was prohibited seven years ago.
About 446,000 infected ani-

mals would have been slaugh tered for consumption before the specified bovine offal ban at the end of 1989, said Dr Christi Donnelly, one of the team. "If there is any risk, it is believed that those would be the most infectious tissues. Then there were an additional 280,000 after this time up to the end of 1995. That contributes about 730,000 animais to date, but of those you'd be most concerned about the ones before the specified offal ban," she said. New and mysterious cases f CJD — in British people

shook the Government and triggered a Europe-wide alarm when they were an-nounced on March 20. But sci-

Ban on protein feed had 'an immediate and lasting impact'

whether these represent a new epidemic in humans. One problem is that nobody knows how infectious the pre-dicted 730,000 slaughtered cat-tle might have been. Studies

infectivity of undiagnosed anmore than half the incubation period: however, the potential to infect would then rise drastically towards the end. "We can say that in order to substantially reduce the number of cases of BSE that we will see — 50 per cent of what we would see without culling you need to cull a million cattle to the end of 1996."

as having BSE, because most new cases, the researchers be-lieve, will arise from infec-

think would have been in the much younger than normal, of the progress of the disease tion at birth or suckling. This brain, spinal cord, tonsils, and following a different eyes, thymus and other course towards death completed.

Organs. Use of these in human shook the Government and organs. Use of these in human shook the Government and organs. try officials have held that the only source of infection was by contaminated feed.

David Skegg, of the Univer sity of Otago, New Zealand, says: "The continual retreat from entrenched positions about BSE has damaged the credibility of science as well epidemiological research so far 'leaves one with the impression of solid work by too few scientists involving too few studies and too few ani-This would also have to be accompanied by "maternal targeting" — the search for and slaughter of the offspring of cows which were diagnosed. The BSE sags should be a warning to all countries not to skimp on research into

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THE SECRET star of the

Democratic convention

political guru Dick Morris is

talked about by all the dele-

gates in Chicago, either by those blaming him for their president's rightward lurch

or by those crediting him

with Mr Clinton's harder line.

the Arkansus campaigns of

the 1970s, the fast-talking New Yorker has dismayed formo-crats since by working for some of the most rightwine Republicans, including North

Carolina senator Jesse

Mr Morris, dubbed "Clin-

ton's Svengali" by the party's liberals, crafted the presi-

dent's comeback campaign,

and ensured the Republican

offensive was deflected with a

balanced budget pledge an

harsh welfare reform that

angered many Democrats "I believe in Bill Clinton, I

for," Mr Morris, aged 48, told a closed meeting of party off-

ctals at Chacago's Sheraton

hotel yesterday.

The dimmutive Mr Morris.

a prickly figure in Demoeratic politics since Senator

McCarthy's anti-war cam

paign of 1968, was once

roughly hardled, some say punched, by the 6ft 2m Bill

Clinton during a bested strat-

has been in political trouble he has called Mr Morris, usu-

ally at the bidding of his wife

Many in the Democratic

Party and in Congress will

never forgive Air Morris for

But whenever Mr Clinton

egy session in Little Rock.

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#### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION: Show of party unity secures nomination as president's opinion poll lead increases

# Right turn puts Clinton centre stage

Martin Walker in Chicago

his unified party complete. Bill complete. Bill Clinton's right ward march was ewarded last night with his formal nomination as presidential candidate by the Democatic Party's most liberal

President Clinton was nominated by Senator Chris Dodd - the party chairman who called his welfare reform "unconscionable". Then the president's centrist political strategy was rousingly defended by Jesse Jackson. Senator Teddy Kennedy and former New York Governor Mario Cuomo. the old leaders of the Demo-crats' supplanted left wing.

Ramming home Mr Clinton's determination to command the centre, party offithat he was planning to steal some more of the Republicans' ground in a speech tonight proposing to cut capi-

tal gains tax. Mr Clinton arrived in Chicago by helicopter to a tumultuous welcome. During his slow rail journey across the American heartland his opinion poll lead had climbed

back into double digits.

Arriving at Chicago's navy pier, the president was greeted by his wife — fresh from a heartening welcome by conference delegates and vice-president Al Gore, who yesterday heard the party chant of "four more years" turn into "twelve

The mood of unified triumph in a party now drilled to the president's "New Democrat" ideology was damp-ened only by the relatively small television audience of 24 million for the first night. Although a fraction better than the figures for the Republican convention two eks ago, this was well short of the Democrats' audience

four years ago. The audience has seen a carefully-scripted television variety programme of laser shows and musical interludes, packaging a formal act of fealty by a predominantly



liberal party which has settled for a moderate leader who can win elections. The Democrats' liberal heroes bent the knee to Mr Clinton as the price for a two-hour burst of the old religion that will have to satisfy them for another four years.

"We need to have the faith to hold on," Mr Jackson told the convention, after earlier in the day counselling "revolutionary patience" at meetings where no cameras were coalesce with an enlightened president, we can change America for the better.

'Clinton stands up against the radical right and the rabid revolutionaries'

"President Clinton has been our first line of defence against the Newt Gingrich contract. America's rightwing assault on the elderly, our students and civil rights. We must maintain with integrity the first lines of defence as they attack the integrity of the First Lady.

"He deserves four more years. He will win and deserve to win. Stand tall, Mr President," Mr Jackson concluded.

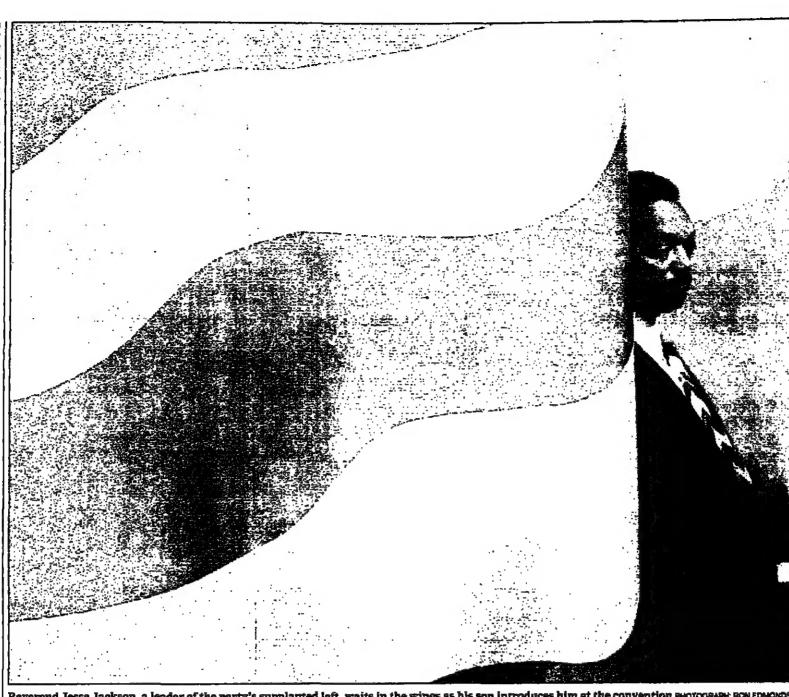
His barn-storming and emotional speech countered the war record of the Republican candidate, Bob Dole, with returning home from the war, required to travel in segre-gated trains and buses.

faithful to Democratic princi ples requires more than guarding the museum of the past". He praised the presi-dent for "standing virtually alone against the radical right and the rabid revolutionaries led by Newt

Away from the television cameras, the Democratic rhetoric has been more flery. Mr Gore told a rally of trade union delegates: "The two-headed monster of Dole-Gingrich has launched an all-out assault on decades of progress on behalf of working men and

Complaints against Mr woman Marcy Kaptur startled White House aides when she introduced the president at one of his train stops with a harsh attack on the North American Free Trade Agreement. And in Chicago, Sena-tor Frank Lautenberg said: "I party deserting some of its fundamentals."

The remnants of the left, rallied into the Committee on Economic Insecurity, gathered yesterday with lea the National Organisation of Women and Americans for Democratic Action "to dis-cuss the revitalisation of the left".



Reverend Jesse Jackson, a leader of the party's supplanted left, waits in the wings as his son introduces him at the convention PHOTOGRAPH: RON EDMONDS | pole of power

#### the notion of tri-angulation. positioning Mr Clinton as netther Republican nor Democrat, but as his own separate

in Chicago

one "comeback kid" but two when they welcome on stage Senator Teddy Kennedy, the liberal vet-eran who has pulled off a political revival matched only by President Clinton's. The patriarch of Ameri-

ca's quasi-royal Kennedy dynasty comes to Chicago relaunched: leaner, fitter and with perhaps more influence than ever before.
Once plagued by scandal and derided as a bloated, soaked example of Wasbington excess, he is now lauded as a legislative master, credited with all his party's recent triumphs.

was shattered at Chappaquiddick in July 1969 when a young woman companion drowned in his car.

His presidential ambitions were crushed by his failed challenge to Jimmy Carter in 1980 and he became an object of derision. Frequently the target of late-night TV comedians, he was caught up in the notorious rape trial of his nephew, William Kennedy Smith, and suffered further from revelations about his still wild personal life.

ers ready to eject the so-

can landslide.

'He's a metaphor for the Democratic revival. The guy is just everywhere'

Delegates applaud Kennedy, the new comeback kid

Clinton seemed to hear the 1994 result as an alarm, so did Mr Kennedy.

He has lost weight and his suits no longer strain to hold his bulk. His face is no longer mottled crimson and reveals once again that dis-By autumn 1994, polls tinct Kennedy profile. showed Massachusetts vot-His personal regime — ris-ing at 6am, working the

But just as President | care which allows workers to keep insurance cover if they leave or lose their jobs. Perhaps the capstone of his legislative career, the Kennedy-Kassebaum health care bill - co-sp sored with Republican Nancy Kassebaum — was

moderate reform of health-

passed by a 100-0. He has also taken the lead in blocking a Republican

Less than two years ago, | called last brother after 32 | treadmill, eating fruit salad | measure that would have | Americans were ready to write Mr Kennedy's political obituary. Always in the will shadow of brothers John and Bobby, his reputation and Bobby, his reputation were ready to years in office. Only by runfor lunch — has been matched by a new zeal for work. He was the prime mover behind last week's survive that year's Republiminimum wage rise and a sern black churches hit by stripped illegal immigrants of key rights, and in sheparson attempts.

"He's a metaphor for the Democratic revival," said Scott Southerland, a department. "The guy is

spokesman for the labour just everywhere." Tonight's speech is, in

part, a reward from Mr Clinton, who this year sent the senator a birthday card, now on display in his office. "Thanks for your friend-ship and for not losing heart when so many did," he wrote. For Mr Clinton, close ties to Mr Kennedy bring another benefit: association with the price-less Camelot mystique.

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The senator attributes his renaissance to his second wife Vicki, who, he says, nut-eating, hard-drinking mate change has created space for his old-fashioned

economic populism. A revived trade union movement, wage stagnation and rising economic anxiety — what Mr Kenne-dy calls the "quiet depres-sion" — mean Americans are willing once again to hear his message of fairness and equality.

Tonight will be a nostalgic occasion — Democratic conventions have always swooned for the Kennedys but few believe it will be a swansong. As this year has proved, there's life in the old liberal lion yet.

# Peace pits peasants against old enemy

The survivors of El Salvador's army massacres could be on the move again. Jonathan Steele reports from Guarilla

peasants who survived army massacres, a month-long trek to international refugee camps, and years of living off hand-outs are back home and fighting an ancient enemy mean-spirited landowners

four years after brokering peace in a civil war which left up to 80,000 dead, the land hunger which provoked Latin America's most brutal guer-rilla conflict still hangs heavy on several increasingly nervous communities.

Yet they are now the excep-

IGH in the ravine-pit to Joaquin Villalobos, who ted mountains of Chalatenango, hundreds of tionary Army (ERP), one of five groups in the combined guerrilla force, the Farabundo Marti National Libera-tion Front (FMLN). "Agrarian reform isn't the biggest issue. Most Salvadoreans live in cities. They offer more

with the power to set them on the move again.

As the United Nations prepares to leave El Salvador took over abandoned land during the war to buy it on long-term credit. But the landowner, not the government, was to set the price.
"Some are asking for 10

times the market rate," one UN official said. "They think they have people over a bar-

Civil rights groups claim that 'racist' welfare

reforms target California's most vulnerable

workshops, as well as their

line approaching for the UN's departure, officials trying to complete the purchase negoti-ations fear landowners may try to evict the peasants. The UN is calling on the govern-ment to extend their right of tenure until the sales are

In Guarjila, one of the af-fected areas, Jose Angel Cerrano runs a tree-planting pro-ject to safeguard the steep eroded hillsides where peas-ants plant maize. Nearby are rows of houses made of concrete blocks - paid for by foreign non-governmental organisations — rather than the local wood. After seven tion, not the rule, according have built schools, clinics and years in a refugee camp in

Honduras, the community killed by the government persuaded the UN to guarantee their safe return to El reduced this to 16,000 conwanted, but it was all we could," Mr Cerrano said of

the rightwing party Arena de-feated the political parties that had emerged from the guerrilla struggle. Beside the so-called squat-ter communities, about 37,000

peasants who were tilling abandoned land have been able to buy it with little

also delaying compensation payments to thousands of families of death squad vic-tims and others who were killed in the war. While unofficial estimates put the num-ber of dead at 80,000, the UNappointed Truth Commission calculated it at about 24,000, of whom 95 per cent were

firmed deaths. Yet only a quarter of their widows and

money.

Angry former soldiers from both sides have found com-mon cause in the precarious conditions of peace with high unemployment and a widen-ing of El Salvador's already huge incomes gap.
The most miserable group

are the thousands of war-wounded, too disabled even to turn to crime. "We're the only organisation from the FMLN which has remained united, said Juan Bautista Argueta Chicas. He joined the guerril las at the age of 18 and, in 12 years of fighting, was wounded five times and lost a

About one in seven of the FMLN's 4,750 disabled fighters are women, he said.

#### Pentagon knew of nerve gas at Iragi dump in 1991

Christopher Reed in Los Angeles

CIVIL rights groups have described this week's order to remove almost all welfare benefits from illegal immigrants in California as cynical racist politics that hurt the most

The Republican governor, Pete Wilson, an-nounced the cuts less than a week after President Bill Clinton signed a Republi-can-sponsored welfare reform act also widely criticised.

The California order targets 2 million undocumented workers, mostly

tens of thousands in menial industrial and domestic iobs, and seasonal workers who for decades have brought in the harvest with

the authorities' knowledge.
Pre-natal care for 70,000
women will be immediately eliminated. Also affected are retirement, unemployment, food stamps, public housing, disabilities, nonemergency health and higher education. School-

ing is exempt. Chris Schneider, a lawyer with a rural immigrants' legal service, said: "Farm workers are being used as

from Mexico. They include | ety and it makes me ashamed to be Californian.

A civil rights lawyer, Joe Palacio, said: "Illegal immigrants don't get half the benefits the governor claims they do. This is clearly a cynical political action to stir up racial anagonism in a very irre-

sponsible manner." Critics believe the order is racist because it requires civil servants to report anyone they suspect is an illegal immigrant. Millions of lawful residents of Hispanic origin would come under suspicion because so many undocumented workers come from Mexico or Central America.

an Katz in New York

THE PENTAGON has admitted that senior United States government officials were told as early as November 1991 that chemical weapons had been stored at a large Iraqi munitions dump destroyed by American troops. However, the Pentagon inposed to chemical weapons. Like thousands of other veterans of Operation Desert

Storm, many of the 150 US sol-

diers involved in the demoli-

have complained of medical

The information that chemical weapons were stored at Iraqi desert was included in a secret intelligence report distributed to the White House, the Pentagon, the CIA and the state department in November 1991

But though the report was relayed to US military commanders around the world, the Pentagon says it did not stated for more than four the Pentagon says it did not years that it had no evidence realise at the time that US troops involved in the demolition might have been exposed to chemical agents.

It was only this spring that soldiers who took part in the March 1991 mission were told tion of the Kamisiyah dump they might have been exposed



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# Bosnian leaders rally diaspora vote

HE LASER show | Sarajevo in the north German dazzled, the fireworks split the sky, and President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia went looking for a victory at the ballot box that was de-

nied him on the battlefield. "Bosnia has survived. But it is not whole, it is not free." he said as he sought to rally a throng of tens of thousands of Bosnians behind his Muslim Democratic Action Party (SDA) before the elections in two weeks' time.

"Alija, Alija, Alija," the crowd roared as he shook hands with supporters. ver, the setting for the

town of Gelsenkirchen. He and his advisers know

that the key to victory in the Bosnian elections on September 14 lies as much outside country as within, that the diaspora vote will help determine the result. It is the most extraordinary, and probably the most

bizarre, Western-sponsored exercise in "democracy": for every three voters in Bosnia, there will be two abroad, scattered across 55 countries. The diaspora ballot kicked off on Sunday in Hungary and officially got under way yesterday. But Mr Izetbegovic's party yesterday urged the Bosnian diaspora to boycor the water until accompany over

rigging of the electoral lists were settled.

gee election like this, nothing on this scale ever anywhere, said Jens Grimm of the Bonn office of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Security and cooperation in Surope, which is organising and supervising the poll. Many will be voting for the president and parliament of a

country they will never live

in again.

Eldin Ljuca; aged 24, a Bos-nian Muslim evicted by Serbs from his native Breko at the start of the war and now liv-ing in a refugee hostel in the town of Ratingen, near Gelweekend's campaign rally was party yesterday urged the not a war-blasted corner of the Bosnian diaspora to boycott ing Mr Izetbegovic and the Balkans, but 1,000 miles from the vote until arguments over SDA. He cannot go back to

Serb-held Brcko and hopes to live in the United States.

In the foyer of Mr Ljuca's hostel, the SDA is the only party advertising itself, grounding its appeal in Mus-

former prime minister, Haris Silajdzic, has claimed that Bosnian businessman in Ger-

'Now we must vote for the SDA or we will be stateless, like the Kurds'

Germany is the key cam-paign battleground after Ser-bia and Croatla, which ac-commodate large numbers of Bosnian voters. Western dip-lomats and OSCE officials say the SDA is applying heavy pressure on Bosnian busi-

lim sectarian nationalism. I the SDA by being warned that they could otherwise be ex-cluded from lucrative recon-

The OSCE expects about 1 million people to vote in Bosnia and 660,000 abroad. In Germany, 128,342 have regis-tered to vote. Many more Bos-

allowing them to visit Bosnia for a fortnight to vote and then return.

refugees are Muslims expelled from the 49 per cent of Bosnia under hardline Serb control Until Tuesday, when the mu-nicipal part of the ballot was shelved by the OSCE, they were being asked to vote, in effect, for "governments-in-exile" in their native former Muslim majority areas.
As a continuation of the

war by other means, the poll risks triggering fresh con frontation by polarising communities.

Josipa, a liberal Croat from Muslim-controlled Travnik in

tempt. She had hoped to retain her residence rights in Travnik but, on a recomais-sance trip, found she was on the brink of having to forfeit her property and pension rights there.

Enraged, she is voting for the first time for the Croatian nationalist HDZ.

The sentiment is shared by the Muslim exiles who regard opposition to the all-powerful nationalists as a sign of weakess and possibly treason.
"We don't want a Muslim

we that want a Muslim country, but we need to vote SDA to get a state." said Mr Ljuca's wife Jasna, aged 23. "Later on maybe we can have different parties, but now it has to be the SDA or a will have to be the SDA or a will be the solution of has to be the SDA or we will as before, but still

be stateless, like the Kurds." Already, before the poll, all parties are accusing the OSCE in Germany of discrimination so that they have a tailor-made protest if the outcome is not to their liking.

Bosnia's first free elections in November 1990 put Mr Izet-begovic and his more extremist Serb and Croat counterparts in power and the country on an ethnic collision course.

"Whatever happens in these elections, it won't help said Nermin Batujevic, a Bosnian businessman in Dü dorf. The people in charge everywhere are just firing things up. It will be total chaos and could result in

## France heads for autumn of discontent

Paul Webster in Paris

ACED with a repeat of the industrial unrest which rocked his government last year, the French prime minister, Alain Juppé, called his ministers together yesterday to draw up urgent measures to head off a wave of strikes and internal gov-

The franc was hit after coordinated warnings by trade union leaders of "a hot autumn", adding to gloom reflected in an opinion poll in the economic daily, Tribune, showing that 75 per cent of the electorate expected paralysing strikes similar to those

last November and December. Teachers were the first to announce a protest for next month or early October, but all seven leading private and public sector unions will meet on September 10 to plan repeats of last year's street

The Communist Party leader, Robert Hue, who refused to itin marches last autumn, said he would be at the forefront of all campaigns the forefront of all campaigns after the holiday season. Nieral of the Socialist-led CFDT union, who was accused of undermining worker solidarity during the public transport stoppages, said her sup-porters were ready for mass

Schools and public transport are again expected to be at the centre of demonstrations over wage freezes, social security cuts and unemploy-ment, the same factors which brought cities to a standstill

10 months ago. Farmers, traditionally Gauillist supporters, have also said they intend to back antigovernment moves because of falling prices.

The private sector, which shanned last year's unrest, has already held protest marches against a succession of redundancies in industry.

ning higher than in most European Union states at 12.5 per cent. France is preparing to shed about 150,000 jobs in the next two months, adding to the 3.3 million out of work and making a nonsense former histop Jacques Gallof President Jacques Chirac's lot, joined in, asking pilots to refuse to fly the deportues. creation his priority.

As last year, the president has distanced himself from the coming confrontation while saying he will remain loyal to his prime minister despite Mr Juppe's falling opinion poll rating. At a weekend meeting at the presidential laws.

iterranean, he told Mr Juppé it was his responsibility to bring the economic and politi-

cal crises under control.

But he refused to allow Mr Juppé any latitude in his rigorous budget policy aimed a preparing France for a joint EU currency. Austerity measures introduced to meet this target are key causes of recession in both public and pri-

Meanwhile, Mr Juppé's Gaullist Gaullist predecessor, Edouard Balladur, has taken the lead in calling for a shift in economic policy. He pub-licly appealed for more flexible economic policies in an article in Le Monde that was considered to be the joint reflection of an influential rightwing lobby determined

to see Mr Juppe replaced.

Left with the problem of maintaining budget economies while coming up with promised tax cuts before the 1997 general elections, Mr

· A new controversy flared cole Notat, the secretary-gen- up over the government's immigration policies yesterday when the CFDT's Air France branch said it would try to prevent the expulsion of illegal immigrants from Tunisia, Niger and Zaire on a plane chartered from the stateowned sirine.

The CFDT union said it had learned of a government request to charter one of the state-owned airline's planes to fly illegal immigrants home back to Tunisia, Niger and Zaire and called the plan "a fresh violation of human

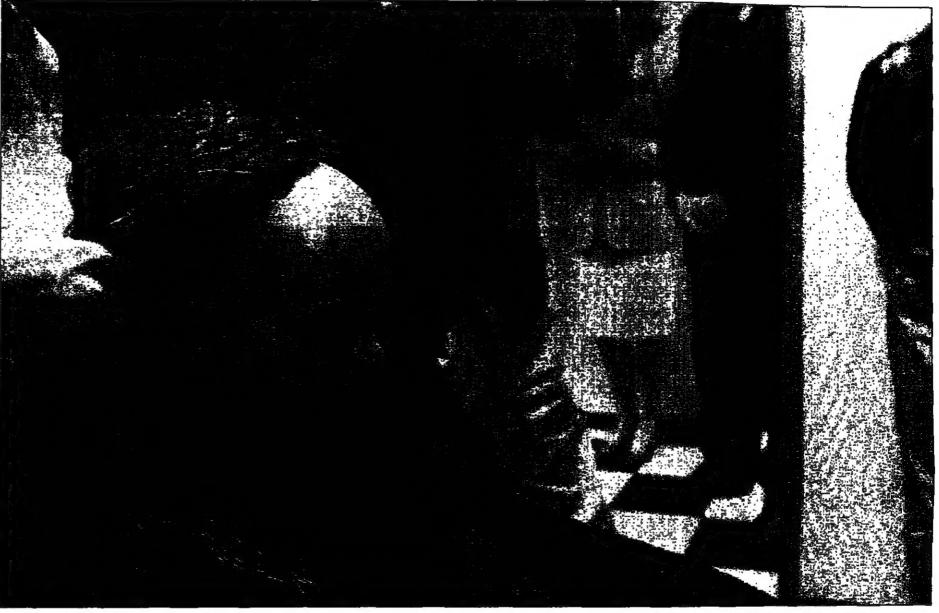
The CFDT's Air France branch is intervening imme-diately, at all levels of Air Prance management, to pre-vent the airline's planes and staff from being used in such police operations," the union said in a statement.

CIMADE, an organisation looking after immigrants, said the government was planning a second flight on Wednesday to Mali and Senegal. Leading human rights ac-tivists, including dissident

The government's handling of the illegal immigration issue has become a hot topic since last week's police raid on a Paris church that had been occupied by some 300 Africans in a protest against France's tough immigration

man he allegedly tried to rob in the Netherlands was identi-

fied by a print taken from the disconnected digit and ar-rested, police said in Amster-



Olga Osterozha, aged eight, from Druzhniy in Belarus, is fitted with a wig in Seattle during a stay with an American host family as part of the Children of Chernobyl programme.

tsina jail, about 800 miles from his family in Lagos.

refused to allow his doctor to examine him, although

prison doctors have been

unable to diagnose his

The chairman of the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Richard Bourne,

described the charges against him as "trumped

up" and wants the Com-monwealth ministers to

highlight his case and those

of Nigeria's other "prison-ers of conscience".

"Beko should be releas

at once. He is clearly a pat-riotic Nigerian trying to es-

tablish democratic rights in

his country," he said. Human rights groups and

diplomats strongly criti-

cised last year's military tribunals which convicted Dr Ransome-Kuti, Gen Oba-sanjo and his deputy, Gen-eral Shahu Musa Yae Adua.

All the hearings were in private and the defendants had no access to indepen-

Most of the defendants

Nigeria was suspended from the Commonwealth, and limited diplomatic and mili-

after last November's execu-

tion of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the

But some African member

have not implemented sanc-tions fully and no one is pre-

pared to consider an oil em-

bargo, probably the only really effective way to hit Ni-

human rights activist

dent legal counsel.

Commonwealth team denied

THE Commonwealth ministers yesterday failed to mission.

Nigeria was suspended

scheduled to start today, geria's military regime.

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# Nigerian human rights activist



thousands held for years in appalling conditions without trial now shares their prison. Patrick Smith

Beko Ransome-Kuti: Alone in cell for 23 hours a day

reports

ONCERN is mounting about the health of jailed Nigerian human rights campaigner Beko Ransome-Kuti. One of the issues discussed by Commonwealth foreign ministers at a meeting in London yesterday was the refusal of the Nigerian military government to give them access to jailed

opposition figures such as Dr Ransome-Kuti; the pres-idential election winner, Gunnen fired on an outdoor cafe in Istanbul with auto-matic weapons yesterday kill-Moshood Abiola; and the ing four people, including a part-time bodyguard for the foreign minister, Tansu eral Olusegun Obasanjo. Dr Ransome-Kuti, aged 56, the African represen Ciller, in an appparently tive on the Commonwealth underworld vendetta, the An-Human Rights Initiative atolia news agency reported advisory group. Was given two life sentences by a secret military tribunal in July 1995. He was one of 42

> rity officers to an alleged coup plot against General San' Abacha's regime. He was accused of having a copy of the defence statement of one of the officers found guilty of plotting. After international pres-sure, his sentence was cut

Nigerians linked by secu-

"My father seems to have caught some sort of virus in the jail," said his daughter Niké, who is allowed to see

for the tens of

Suffering from loss of appetite and persistent night chills, Dr Ransome-Kutl's weight is about 7st 12lbs. His wrists are swollen and there are rashes on his

His daughter and her uncle, Koyé Ransome-Kuti, a former health minister, were not allowed to take blood for tests.

At the beginning of this month, Ms Ransome-Kuti was allowed to see her ailing father for only 15 minutes. Her uncle, who now works for the World Bank in Washington, was not

awaited visit to Nigaria to ex-amine human rights abuses and democratic reform, writes

ian Black, Diplomatic Editor.
The meeting in London

gave officials a mandate to

visit Lagos to prepare a "pro-ductive and effective" meet-ing, but the Nigerian foreign minister, Tom Ikimi, was in-sisting in Abuja at the same

time that the trip, originally

A campaigner permitted to visit him at accused of plotting a coup for the tens of Dr Ransome-Kuti is against Gen Abacha. Dr mider tremendous psycho-logical pressure: he is being journalists were accused of journalists were accused of helping the plotters and they are all classified as prisoners of conscience by kept in solitary confine-ment for 23 hours a day in his cell on death row at Ka-

Amnesty International. A team of investigators for the United Nations secretary-general, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, was not allowed to see Dr Ransome-Kuti or Gen Obasanjo in May, although they were allowed a brief meeting with Mr Abiola. Dr Ransome-Kuti has

played a key role in Nige-ria's human rights He established the Committee for the Defence of Human Rights (CDHR) in 1989 and did much to publicise the plight of tens of thousands of Nigerians held in jail for years before their cases come to trial.

Last October the minister of internal affairs, Babagana Kingibe, acknowlleast 70,000 such cases and

promised swift action.
The CDHR has also highlighted the appalling prison
conditions of which Dr
Ransome-Kuti is now a victim, and publicised cases of the chronic malnutrition and rampant disease that afflict most prisoners.

Recently Dr Ransome Kuti had established the Campaign for Democracy, which called for the recognition of the 1993 elections, won by Mr Abiola, and a national conference to draw up a new federal

constitution.

• A Nigerian human rights group said yesterday that four members of a recently banned university union had been arrested. The Con-stitutional Rights Project said the four were arrested on Monday night at the northeastern Tafawa Balewa University.

Patrick Smith is Editor of Africa Confidential

## **Tutu tums heat** on Botha police

**David Beresford** 

EVEN former South African police generals are to be subpoensed today to appear before Arch-bishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission in a development which could lead to a confrontation between the commissioners and the former president

The summonses signal the The summonses signal the start of an aggressive phase of the inquiry, which is trying to detail and determine responsibility for the atrocities of the apartheid era.

Archbishop Tutu yesterday invited the public to submit

questions which might be used to cross-examine the

party leaders.

Last week, the Nationalists and the Africa National Con-gress were among the parties to make formal presentations on their part in the apartheid

The former president F. W. de Klerk offered an "apology" for apartheid, but denied that the National Party had authorised atrocities committed This has left the security force commanders in a diffi-

cult position, since they need to establish political motivation to claim amnesty from the commission.

The worst excesses of the so-called "dirty war" in defence of apartheid were committed under Mr Botha's presidency. He also appointed many of the generals expected to be implicated by the But Mr Botha, who has

been sulking in his coastal home since he was ousted as party leader by Mr De Klerk in 1989, has rejected appeals from his successor to collaborate on the National Party's defence to the commission. He may be subpoensed himself after the generals

The seven police generals to be summoned include three former national commission-

testify in camera; previous statements have indicated the direction their evidence is likely to take.

General Johan van der Merwe, the most recent com-missioner among them, has said security forces — includ-ing state assassination squads acted under direct, as well as implied, authority and that senior cabinet members were kept fully briefed, on occasion personally congratulating operatives. He has also warned that, if politicians do not make "full disclosure", the security forces will do it for

The trial of Rugene De Kock — a policeman nicknamed "Prime Evil" who has boasted to add to the pressure on the commanders for full

Rarlier this week, he was convicted on 89 charges, ranging from fraud to six counts of murder. The crimes included the murder and attempted murder of several black col-leagues in his assassination unit to stop them "talking".

Sentencing was postponed until September 16 for argument in mitigation. Defence lawyers have said they will claim diminished responsibility, arguing that he suf-fered "post-traumatic stress syndrome" after serving in the Zimbabwe and Namibia bush wars.

But De Kock, who has said privately that he will present evidence which will force the prosecution of a least six generals, will almost certainly testify that he acted on orders and identify who issued them. After sentencing he is commission for amnesty. His success will depend on whether he convinces Archbishop Tutu and his col-

leagues that he has made full The commission is facing pressure to broaden the scope of the inquiry to take in the

## News in brief

#### Iran demands extradition Iran has asked Germany to

extradite the former president Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, who said at a Berlin trial that dam yesterday. - AP. Revenge shooting Tehran organised the murders of opponents abroad, the federal justice ministry said. Mr Bani-Sadr, who lives outside Paris, is to give more testimony at the trial on September 5. - AP.

Fingertip clue A suspected mugger whose Seven people were wounded fingertip was bitten off by a in the attack, —AP.

> Now you can have your cake, chips and anything else you fancy, and eat it, without consuming an ounce of fat.

**David Bradley** OnLine G2 page 13

# Fears growing for health of jailed

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## The politics of hijacking

Does granting political asylum reward crime?

many governments, including Britain. hijackers' demands or offer concessions which might encourage others to try the same path. The demand of the Iraqi hijackers, now being questioned by police, might not appear to pose an immediate problem. They were more than willing to surrender to British justice on British soil, and presumably were aware that this could lead to prosecution and a possible jail sentence. They were not asking for anything right now in return. Yet any eventual granting of political asylum would still reward their original action; the issue does not go away just because it is postponed.

It is right to rule out returning the hijackers to Sudan. Britain has no extradiction treaty with Khartoum, and there is serious doubt as to whether they would be dealt with by proper legal process — or simply be passed on to Baghdad for a more summary and extreme verdict. But this does not dis-pose of the dilemma which they now present. The Home Secretary could, in theory, announce, as a general principle, that anyone convicted in a British court of hijacking will not succeed in a subsequent application for asylum. But this would be contrary to natural justice and prevent the examination of such applications on their merits which the principle of asylum requires.

Is it sufficient to argue that Iraq is such an extreme case that anyone seeking to leave or avoid returning there, by whatever means, is entitled to lenient treatment? Many would so argue on the grounds that these individuals, whatever the merits of their case, have now identified themselves so clearly as opponents of Saddam Hussein that they will face instant death if they ever return. This may be true, yet it risks

THE CRIME OF hijacking has been establishing a bizarre principle that an fiercely denounced over the years by attention-grabbing crime is more likely to win entitlement to asylum than a One should not, it is said, give in to quiet arrival in this country. It also raises difficult questions of hierarchy. Opponents of the regimes of Saudi Arabia or China or Indonesia or Nigeria, and a number of other dubious regimes, should also expect to be waved through in the same manner - but we know

that the present government treats some of these very differently.

The answer to this unfairness is to cast the net wider rather than discriminates. nate between the victims of Britain's totalitan friends and foes. But that does not dispose of the particular issue of hijacking. As the passengers' evidence now reveals, this was by no means a non-violent hijacking such a phenomenon were possible. Next month or next year, another such inci-dent could occur with a less peaceful result, another in-flight struggle with a security officer, for example, could lead to weapons being fired and death for all on board. Might we not then conclude that this incident should have been handled more toughly?
These are all self-evidently difficult

questions with no easy solution. The only firm ground on which to stand is that of the law. Those against whom there is sufficient evidence of participa-tion in hijacking should be duly charged. Asylum is a different matter, and is subject to the provisions of the 1951 Geneva Convention. This excludes anyone who has committed "a serious non-political crime outside the country of refuge prior to his admission to that country as a refugee." Does that apply to those who hijacked the Sudan Air Airbus? Their cases remain to be argued. In the meantime, no one should encourage expectations that an application for asylum, in these or similar circumstances, would necessarily gain a favourable answer.



The strange tale of Mr Major's Damascene conversion

men bearing gifts. What the less deferwanted for years from the leadership is a greater say in the party's affairs: at conference, far fuller and more accurate information on how the party's money is spent, and a greater right to participate in crucial decisions like the choice of a party leader. What Central Office wants from them is their money and a much greater readiness to subsume their local preferences for the greater good of Conservatism. Already, loans from prosperous constituencies have enabled the party to reduce its dependence on help from convenient sources like the Royal Bank of Scotland; how much more convenient if it could get its hands on this money as of right. Already Central Office leans on candidates which bolster its image; how much more convenient if some way could be found of blocking the kind of counter-productive candidates they have often preferred in parliamentary byelections to Central Office's favourite sons (or more rarely, daughters).

Initial suggestions that some trade-off may be on the way have concentrated on the daughters. The Prime Minister, it was reported, was determined that the party should do something about the very low proportion of women selected for safe or winnable seats. On

AS THE OLD Greek proverb nearly had | women MPs the Conservatives are it: beware Conservative Party chair- likely to muster after the next election is 22, where Labour expects to have 90. ential, sparkier local parties have A similar problem surrounds the selection of candidates from ethnic minorities - which is no doubt why John more chance to determine what goes on Taylor, whose candidacy at Cheltenham occasioned so much trouble in the 1992 election and may have contributed to the loss of the seat, has put paid to his hopes of fighting a winnable seat and settled instead for a place as a working peer. Maybe to correct those imbalances, the local parties could be given just a touch of the additional power and influence they aspire to?

It may be a sign of grace that these matters worry the Prime Minister. but his chances of intervening must surely be nil. We have only to recall the obloquy he, his associates and his friendly newspapers poured on the Labour Party when it sought to redress local associations to adopt the kind of the gender balance by devices like allwomen shortlists. We shall have no truck with such heresy, the Conservative Party cried — its women members (reputed to be the most formidable opponents in many constituencies to the selection of women candidates) included. Let women succeed on their merits, not by artificial devices which limit local choice! Let the party never succumb to social engineering and the dictates of political correctness! How, after that, could the leadership try to force women candidates on local parties which want to field men? They could present trends, the largest number of never be so hypocritical, could they?

#### Dance to the music of our time

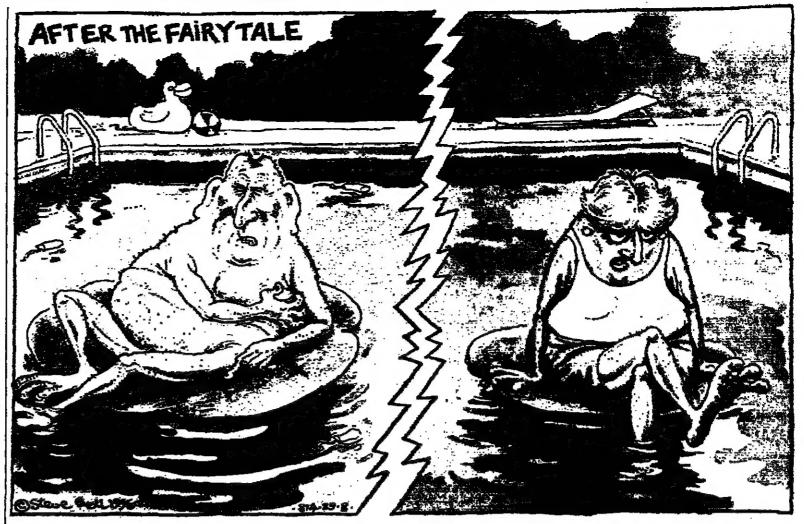
Even the best fairy stories don't have happy endings

AS THE royal marriage ended yester- | dons his beloved because he is under children at Balmoral, the Princess with the English National Ballet. A slightly so many traditional ballets celebrate princes who wed princesses - or even beautiful commoners — and live happily ever after. But that is a view of ballet which prevails among people who never go to it. Ballet today evokes a far wider range of human emotions and human predicaments; even those where the prince and princess fall out of love or, in time, can no longer stand the sight of each other.

For every prince who, as in Britten's Prince of the Pagodas, is rescued by true love from life as a salamander, there are several whose relationships founder because, as Princess Diana famously complained in her interview for Panorama, there are three in the marriage. Sometimes the prince aban-

day the Prince of Wales was with his some kind of spell which forces him to succumb to an unscrupulous temptress or even, in Coppelia, to a doll with curious choice, one might think, when enamel eyes. Often the relationship, far more than that of Charles and Diana, is doomed from the start. In the Danish ballet, The Young Man Must Marry (Den Unge Man Skal Giftes), based on a play by Ionesco, a young man, who does not want to marry, is forced into marriage by his family and ends up being betrothed to a girl with three heads.

But perhaps the most uncanny prefiguration of recent events comes in a hallet called Imago, in which, according to the Encyclopaedia of Dance and Ballet by Mary Clarke and David Vaughan. "strange, quasi-human figures portray a society removed from our own but having recognisable correspondences." And of course, to music by Arthur Bliss and choreography by Ninette de Valois. there is always Checkmate.



Letters to the Editor

# God save the monarchy Another debate about blokes and birds (more particularly, a Raven)

F THE monarchy is to survive, adaptations and fundamental changes will have to take place (Support for monarch as leader of Church falls, August 28; Sur-vival plan for monarchy, August 20). The British peoples are overtaking entrenched institutions and

judging them from an in-formed base. They look to the Estab-lished Church and find casuistry, ludicrous spiritual ex-clusivity and hypocrisy; they look to government and find self-seeking, dishonesty and corruption; they look to the law and find justice with a million interpretations, driven by wealth and power; they look to education and find political bias, incompe-tence and stupidity; they look to the monarchy and find privilege, affluence, and mon-etary reward for disgraceful behaviour.

The United Kingdom has anticipated world trends in democracy, global expansion, industrialisation and female ating a society without limits, spiritually, ethically, sexually, geographically or indi-vidually. The task is to create acceptable moral precepts which inspire adherence not because of punishment, either hereafter or now on Earth, or because of reward — but because they are "right".

In this momentous exercise, the monarchy can have an enormous influence. It has to set examples and stick by

Holiday cash-in

ET'S have more bank holi

vately financed through sponsorship. Keith Wright

(Letters, August 28) gives proof of Sainsbury's gains,

which cost the company noth-

ing thanks to government mu-nificence in declaring the holiday. I was in Hebden

Bridge on Monday and York-

shire Water also had a similar

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lays, but have them pri-

support worthy causes, pro-vide magnificent (but terribly expensive and empty) spectacles does not inspure allegiance. If the behaviour of the royals is little better than that of greedy film stars, justifiable republican thoughts crystallise. Ann Langford Dent.

12 Smith Street. London SW3 4EE. HE bishops seem to have forgotten that the Church of England was invented, and the Sovereign became its Head, as a result of a royal divorce. Surely they are not recommending Henry VIII's other favourite ploy ...

execution? Paul Tyler MP. House of Commons London SW1A 0AA

THE sound and fury of last week's media coverage surrounding the Way Ahead Group's proposals failed to address the concern that the Crown should be accountable to Parliament and subject to Parliament and subject to Parliament.

the rule of law.
It is not for the Palace to propose change but for our only democratically-constituted body, the House of Commons. It is inhibited in carrying out this function by the convention that the Commons does not debate the subject of the monarchy. This is an outrageous affront to the very concept of democracy.

The specific proposal relating to the financing of the them. Simply to host superb | monarchy itself is equally banquets, visit the dwindling open to criticism. By making

number of receptive nations, | the House of Windsor self-sufficient, the monarchy would have successfully entrenched royal prerogative powers in the hands of a body outside parliamentary control - and free of financial censure.

in such an absurd, yet dangerous, scenario of a private body performing a public function, the existence of a regulatory body would be required to police this super-quango at the apex of our constitution. The title Ofcrown

may be appropriate. In reality, such a proposal is an insult to our democracy. The House of Commons is the proper venue for any debate into the financing of the House of Windsor and we would urge that such a debate take place during the coming session of Parliament. Paul Simon & Jon Temple. Republic. PO Box 2698

London W14 9ZT.

with the Guardian (Leader August 28) in agonising about the future of the Prince of Wales. He is, after all, only waiting to be "King of England". At a stoke, you have removed that worry, although the Welsh may be surprised that their Prince will not be their king, and the Scots may wonder why the kilted Prince now at Balmoral will not reign over them.

The Cottage, Meredyth Road, London SW13 0DY.

retired IRA officer, a man

with wide tastes in music, lit-

erature and politics, would sing the odd demotic ditty

during rural chores.
One concerned the same

tinker in happier, more feu-dal times before emigration.

"There was a high born lady/ Lived in a mosted hall/ Who

did espy a tinker, pissing up against a wall/ Said the but-

ler to the parlour maid/ He's going to f— us all." Desmond MacNamara.

THE late lamented J G Anderson (the "Erotic Potter

of Waterbeach") used to sing

about The Highland Tinker, a

ballad in the genre of over-weening masculine conceit, like Barnacle Bill the Sallor.

It had several verses and far

better rhythm than the ver-

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I Woodchurch Road,

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sion you print

GL Jaysmith's understand-lable irritation (Letters, August 28) at being dismissed

mothers, after all, are only bad news when they're poor and irresponsible, never when they're rich and brave." This is nonsense. Most single mothers are not single mothers by choice; they are widows, divorcees, victims of domestic violence or women deserted by their partners. They de-serve support not because they are single but because

they are mothers. Women like Koo Stark, who knowing its father is irrespon-sible and deeply selfish.

Your extensive correspon dence on paedophilia has fo-cused almost exclusively on the responsibility of men. But women, as mothers, have responsibilities too, and to deny a child the balancing love of its father is a form of child abuse however unpalatable it may be for the chattering classes to acknowledge it. Leo Jasmin.

55 High Street. Warboys, Cambs.

AYBE, being a man, I am Vlacking the imagination to grasp Charlotte Raven's Pamela Frankel. cutting satire, but I did not 4a South Way, Lewes, realise that I had spent the East Sussex BN7 1LU.

last century asking "What do women want" This kind of generalisation is, of course, ridiculous. We are all differ-ent, with different attitudes and desires. Indeed, Ms Raven August 28) at being dismissed as a mere man by Charlotte Raven (What women don't want. August 26) misses the most objectionable aspect of her article — her lack of concern for children.

Raven writes that "single mothers after all are only had." has discovered that men can vary. So why does she assume that all men "are suffering from a crisis of confidence" and that they all still have so

much to learn. Sexual equality is, regret tably, a long way away but nothing useful can be gained by continuing to perceive men and women as distinct and mutually antagonistic groups. Tom Satton. 18 Stansfield Road, London SW9 9RZ.

they are mothers.

Women like Koo Stark, who apparently decide to bring up man about women, would children alone — because they just have brought to mind that old chestnut "male chauvinist — deserve no admiration at all. All available research con-AM sure that the people of most from the love and care of an ethnic culture.

Northern Ireland, Scotland: two parents, and a mother's and Wales wil be relieved to decision deliberately to deny have they made not thin her child the concentrative of Religious 2 Prague?

The Czech Republic.

WHAT makes Charlotte Ra-ven assume that men need women, especially her kind? Steve Dey. Dousland Yelverton. Devon PL20 &NN.

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THESE tedious men women debates, which seem to carry on ad infinitum, can probably only make matters worse. Can't we just decide that we are all human beings trying to make the best of our lives, which may or may not include the sex of our friends.

#### Students meet a Korea counsellor

21) raised apparent doubt about the Republic of Korea's will to see the divided Korean peninsula unified.

In the Republic of Korea anyone is free openly to dis-cuss the unification issue. However, the case of the recent demonstration by a university-student organis tion was quite different. These demonstrators violated existing law by wielding makeshift weapons such as firebombs and steel pipes, resorting to violence and ar-son, and advocating North Korea's formula for communising the South. The organi-

YOUR leader (How to scale | sation that led the demonstra-the Korean wall, August | tion dispatched, without approval, two student represen-

tatives to North Korea These reckless activities plunged the government's unification policy into confusion. This is exactly the reason why a great majority of our citizens are opposed to the activities of these stu-dents. It may be worth contemplating how the British law-enforcement authorities would react if a similarly violent and riotous demonstration took place in Britain. Sung Soo Park. Minister Counsellor, Embassy

of the Republic of Korea. 4 Palace Gate, London W8 5NF.

sortium of conservation

#### A Country Diary

LOCH NESS: Red squirrels | highlighted recently by a conhave few predators in the Highlands although occasionally no doubt a fox or wildcat catches one off guard. Several people have claimed that pine martens have wiped them out in some areas but there is no evidence to support this, and it is more likely to be fragmentation of woodland by housing or clearance. Road casualties are a problem but recently there was a much more unusual casuality on the south side of Loch Ness. On both wooded shores, red squirrels are, fortunately, still fairly common and the nearest grey squirrels are still a long way away. Last week, a dead red squirrel was found under a large tree, whose branches were very close to electricity wires. The red squirrel still had some moss in its mouth so would have died instantly from the electric shock, and burn marks were clearly seen. The Hydro Board has been approached to solve the problem as this is the second known incident in the same spot. The plight of the red squirrels in Britain has been

bodies, and, with this in mind. it is interesting to reflect on the history of this species in the Highlands. Severe winters and loss of habitat resulted in the probable extinction of red squirrels in the Highlands in the 18th century. If this was the case, then all the red squirrels in the Highlands at present are descendents from introductions of English stock in the mid-19th century! However, by the turn of the century, the red squirrels were so abundant that they were causing enormous damage to woodland. So the Highland Squirrel Club was formed in 1903 covering parts of Rossshire, Sutherland and Inver-ness-shire. During the following 15 years, 60,450 red squirrels were killed; the re-cord was 7,199 in 1909. The bounty on the tails were three or four pence each. If the red squirrel became extinct yet again, we could, perhaps, not turn to England for them - as it seems likely they, too, would be extinct.

RAY COLLIER

RECOGNISE THAT RHYTHM - ISN'TIT

unfair pecuniary advantage from the gallons that always pour from the skies on August Bank Holiday. Con-versely, perhaps, ice-cream makers would offer money to eliminate bank holidays.

WHILE some countries do allow a day to be taken off in lieu when a public holi-day falls on a Sunday (this year Luxembourgers, for example, were given the Mon-day after the Grand Duke's official birthday), Britain is, I think, alone in having bolidays which do not celebrate anything. I am thinking, in particular, of Not May Day, Not Whit Monday, and, of course, the one which started the whole nonsense, August Bernard Coffey. Bank Holiday. 31 Winton Road Henry Wickens.

OU refer to the Peabody Trust's tradition of hous ing London's "respectable poor (Charity keeps Tory lord in 1-bed flat, August 28). The trust, as London's largest housing association, has only two sets of criteria for the letting of its 14,200 homes in the capital: severe housing need, and limitation of income, as the trust is a charity for the relief of poverty in London. George Barlow.

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letters, and a telephone number

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We may edit letters.

T S Eliot's tinker (and his cuss)

FTS Eliot was claiming au-thorship of the Ballad of the Dirty Tinker (Lost poems explode Eliot myth, August 23), he was being naughty. That particular piece of rudery was made use of by Kipling in a story published in 1888, taken from Anon, in which an important verb was changed

The version known to me starts: "The lady of the manor was dressing for the ball/ When she spied a dirty tinker leaping nimbly o'er the wall." The bit you quote goes (I follow Kipling's amendment to the verb): "He kissed them on the stairway and he kissed them in the hall/ 'Lord help us!' cried the butler, 'Has he come to kiss us all?" Reading, Berks RG2 8HJ.

LIOT'S tinker you so mov-ingly quote cannot long have "come across the sea" to

Boston. Many years ago, a Cambridge CB3 8HX. For whom the green light shines

August 27). Ali local parties

are autonomous and our

national council does not have, or intend to use, any authority to "tell" them whether they should, or should not, stand in the general election. The proposal to withdraw is a rogue motion, unlikely to gain support at conference. It is, however, well worthy of

YOU should remember that the Green Party is a decentralist organisation (Green Party to consider withdrawal from election.

Many of us believe it vital to stand. The electorate are being offered the choice of the continuing sprint into insan-ity with the Conservatives or ogging in the same direction with New Labour. We are likely to have a greater effect at this election than at any

time since 1989. Justin Quinnell (Green Party PPC.) 65 Springfield Road, Cotham, debate considering the £500 | Bristol BS6 5SW.

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#### Diary

Matthew Norman

ROM the Isle of Wight County Press comes news — astonishing news — of last Wednesday's Seaview Regatta. As John Carter reports, the sun shone, everyone had fun, and Jessamy Hardie, four, came third in the sand castle competition. What an enchanting bucolic idyll it all sounds. But wait . . . what is this? "Adela Bottomley — daughter of National Heritage Secre tary Virginia — eventually won the Toby Bonham Challenge Cup after three play-off slides against

Vanessa Hunt." begins a reference to some arcane practice on a mysterious greasy pole". For what follows, I beg you to brace for impact. "Adela, 14, opened the contest." it continues, "as a Pamela Anderson lookalike with inflated breasts . . . " Oh my God. Al-though Adela soon discarded ber falsies (indeed, without them, and to her credit, she went on to "pip cousin Charity Garnett" in a diving competition), psychologists will agree that there is no way of predicting what long-term scars of inadequacy, if any, may be left. Peter Bolmondely did return our call yesterday, but purely to refuse to comment, while a nervy Herltage press office was equally reticent. The Diary is silent too: the truth is, I am too shocked for words.

NEW political slogan, a natural successor, some will feel, to the endlessly witty "I Like Ike" has hit American politics. It comes from Chicago, host city to this week's Democratic convention. A caller from the town to the radio show of the "shock jock" phone-in host Rush Limbaugh yesterday an-nounced: 'We have a saying here in Chicago . . . 'the women of Chicago like their Dick Daley." Mr Limbaugh, an ultra-rightwinger with a phobia for Democrats like Chicago mayor Richard Daley, sounded oddly embarrassed, and mumbled ething about being sure he knew what she meant.

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EARS mount that a mad woman is on the loose pretending to be my caring friend (she almost cares too much) Esther Rantzen. Replying in a Monday newspaper to an assault upon her by a BBC colleague the day before, the real listher wrote: "The attack in the Sunday Telegraph was unprecedented . . . I was given absolutely no advance warning before it was printed." This article was heavily puffed in Saturday's Telegraph. Es-ther herself was unaware of this, of course, but the impostor saw it and spent much of Saturday on the phone falling to get a "right to reply" in the same issue. Who she is, this Rantzen wannabe, and what she's up to, no one knows. Please God, she can be stopped before she harms the real Esther's reputation.

ND a warm "Hats off?" to all of you who noticed that the BBC reporter in question, the ex-cellent John Ware, yes called Martin by yesterday's Diary. You will also have noticed that the mis-take occurred in the same sentence as the phrase "sloppy journalism". This, we feel, makes it not a crass mistake, but a clever piece of irony.

N response to a long-run-ning row about traditional pub names, the brewer Greenalls has renamed one of its Nottingham pubs "The Saumel Morley". Mr Morley was a Victorian MP and business man (as the brewery is well aware); he was also a rampaging tectotaller who struggled vallantly all his adult life to dissuade people from alcohol (as perhaps the browery is not). Rumours that Greenalls is to rename its Armagh Road pub "The Reverend Paisley" are thought to be mischievous.

CHORTLE to learn that all the letters forming the name Liam Gallagher, new analysand and ubsentee Oasis singer, can be rearranged into the hi-larious phrase "I'm a foulmouthed Mancunian twat with a passion for cocaine". They cannot, in fact, but let this set the sun on suggestions of humorous anagrums and hilarious spell checks all the same.



# Campaigners become enemies of the state

#### Commentary

#### George Monbiot

HERE was an uninvited guest at the street party organised by traffic protesters in Brighton last weekend. An in-spector with the Metropoli-tian Police's Forward Intelligence Team, he seemed to know rather more about the rest of the guest list than the organisers did. Before the party began, local police con-terred with him, then daried ferred with him, then darted into the crowds to pull out known activists. Only when the officers stopped relying on the inspector's advice and started picking up people who just looked as if they might be involved did they start making mistakes — one of the 30 people arrested was a man handing out leaflets about Dianetics. Dianetics.
The inspector was well-

placed to know who to grab. His unit has been monitoring environmental protesters all over the country. In June and July it used a house opposite the London offices of Reclaim the Streets to watch activists' movements. Whenever any-

When the campaign's minibus pulled out, four cars took off behind it. Six weeks ago, the Forward Intelligence Team raided the office and removed its computers. Environmentalists sub-

jected to crude observation of this kind say they find it tax-ing but not particularly alarming. They are far more concerned about the sort of surveillance that is often suspected but seldom proved. As the action campaigns develop, they are accumulating more and more evidence to suggest that environmental protest is becoming the state's "neces-sary enemy", replacing min-ers, communists and terror-ists as a justification for lavish spending on domestic intelligence.

It is easy for campaigners to get paranoid, to imagine a spook in every gathering and a bug on every phone. The direct-action movement seethes with rumours, some of which have only the most termous connections to reality. But a combination of an nouncements and leaked reports from police bodies, reports from poince bodies, changes in practice and the occasional slip-up suggests that the notion that peaceful environmental protest is becoming part of a job-creation scheme for spooks is more than just a figment of over-

one left on a bicycle, a car and Chief Police Officers, while a mountain bike would follow. admitting that no terrorist of fences by greens have taken place, and failing to furnish any evidence to suggest that they were likely to occur, decided to start using the Anti-Terrorist Squad to gather in-telligence on environmental activists. Already, even the most law-abiding greens com-plain they are being made to feel like potential bombers. During the Big Green Gather-ing at the end of July — a sort of gymkhana or county show for environmentalists — police used powers granted by

> coming on to the site.
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> At the end of 1994, Special Branch announced that it was changing its priorities to concentrate on environmental ac-tivism. Earlier this year, Contract Journal carried extracts from a Special Branch report, suggesting, again without accompanying evidence, that environmental activists might be preparing for "suicide attacks" on road builders.

the new Prevention of Terror-ism Act to strip-search people

To avert this and other peculiar possibilities, the report had identified 1,700 campaignnan menunen 1,700 campaigners. During the McDonald's libel trial, one of the company's vice-presidents testified that Special Branch had been passing him information about potential protesters. In court last year, activists who had planned a demon-

Several campaigners complain of hearing previous con-versations played back to them when they pick up the telephone, or getting through to Group 4 headquarters

while trying to phone a friend. Fifteen months ago, 40 MoD police burst into Greenpeace's offices and, guarding the stair-cases and corridors, downoaded data from the organisation's computers. They were looking, they told staff, for criminal evidence. But no one has been charged with an of-fence, and the data has yet to be returned. Employees are beginning to suspect that the raid had more to do with

Already, even the most law-abiding greens complain they are being made to feel like potential bombers

future activities than past misdemeanours. At Newbury, private detectives have been filming people at art exhibi-tions and noting down conversations in pubs. Even so, cam-paigners claim that this sort of surveillance alone cannot account for some of the infor-mation included in the 100page dossiers issued this month by the Department of Transport to support injunetions against them.

stration against an opencast There can be little doubt mine near Leeds asked a that environmental campaign-

monitoring of domestic sub-version should have declined sharply, the number of warrants for phone tapping approved by the Home Secretary

Were there evidence that green campaigners had become a genuine terrorist threat, all this attention would be justifiable. But enviroumental protest in Britain is avowedly non-violent. Campaigners routinely break the laws designed to contain them, such as the aggravated trespass and trespassory as-sembly provisions of the last Criminal Justice Act, and sometimes commit obstruction, a breach of the peace or even criminal damage. But that's about as far as it goes.

To apply the tactics of counter-terrorism to people organising openly on behalf of popular causes is about as measured a response as using 50 horses and 30 hounds to kill a fox. In a sense it is a great used to enrich entrepreneurs compliment to the effective in the entertainment industry. a tox. In a sense it is a great compliment to the effective-ness of a comparatively small number of people. But, as well as providing work for unem-ployed spies, this surveillance is also a deeply worrying indi-cation that the citate is a ill at cation that the state is so ill at ease with itself than it can brook no questioning of its wisdom.

But the ability to challenge the state's authority, reclaiming politics from the politicians, is good for the state, as well as society. Society is like an amoeba: it moves from the margins, not from the centre. Cut off from its margins, the state can only sclerotise and shrivel, becoming ever less responsive to change.
Heterodoxy and subversion

are the ushers of progress.

# police officer how his force had managed to arrive at the protest site before the protest-ers. He replied that the police had found the details on the Internet. But neither the date nor the location had been posted on the Net — these details, the activists believe, could only have been obtained by bugging or infiltration. Several campaigners comyour hands



Meg Henderson

EMUSEMENT was the first reaction to videos of operations being sold in the High Street. Then came wonderment that such films would find a market, and finally, outrage that our NHS ills and ailments should be used to enrich entrepreneurs. EMUSEMENT was the well, grisly films will find a ready market — there really are people out there like that. Besides, we must remember that the company producing this novel approach to family entertainment was also behind that other "educational" film denteting executions.

film, depicting executions. How shocking, went the theory; let's see it again in slow motion, just to be sure.

This time round a spokesman for the company was quoted as saying that the idea of making money from what are essentially training films for student doctors came from the medics concerned in the original filming. You know, those kindly, caring, 20th-century Gods we entrust with the wellbeing and lives of our nearest and dearest, as well as

I have no idea if this is true, though I wouldn't be surprised, and the courts will decide if these deeply offen. sive videos should be sold. But there are matters arising that need to be addressed have needed to be addressed for rather a long time actually, so perhaps opening this particular can of worms will turn out to be a good thing

The main problem with doctor-patient relationships is that all the power has tradi-tionally been grasped by one pair of hands. As patients we pair of hands. As patients we willingly let the medics make all decisions, from what is wrong to why and what can or will be done. The perceived wisdom is that medics know best; they have a vocation, after all, to heal us. Yet the only people who believe that are the seneral public, and are the general public, and doctors make liberal use of this innocent, misplaced faith en it suits them. Being an ex-medic mysalf, I know bet-

Let me tell you a truth se-cretly acknowledged only by medics. Doctors are just people like the rest of us; they are *not* Gods. They have a living to make, they have family problems, mortgages to , garage bills to pay, golf clubs to join and boats to buy. Get close to them and you find a rather immature set of individuals who have gone to school, then to university and into hospital life. It is still the

case that a great many of them come from similarly afflicted parentage. What they tend not to have is experience of normal life. Indeed, one of their greatest handicaps in dealing with the majority of their patients is the class divide. They see a great deal of suffering, but they don't nec-essarily experience it.

The picture, I'm told, is changing, but most doctors still come from different social backgrounds from the mass of their patients; they have been raised and live in areas where money isn't a problem; they are used to bet-ter amenitities and a higher standard of living; and they often don't speak the same language, even if both think it's English.

The product of this social and cultural divide is an acceptance by both sides that doctors know best -- the traditional paternal role of the medics supported by both sides. This is reinforced by the projection of the God-like aura, useful for stopping possible dissention in its tracks, not to mention an untold number of legal actions for medical negligence, malpractice, or (as we are beginning to call it) medical accident. But it works against the doc-tor as well as the patient. It is, for instance, unrealistic and unfair to believe that doctors never make mistakes; trust me on this one, I have witnessed many. When they do, it isn't always because they are hopeless, or have murderous intent most are genuine mis-takes by very fallible human

beings.
Instead of hounding some unfortunate medic through the courts and the press, it would make sense to have a no-fault compensation system. What we have is the medical profession closing ranks to protect the bad as well as the good, thereby dumping the innocent victim: the patient. All in their best interests, you

OTH sides need to grow up. Patients have to get to grips with the knowledge that their wellbeing is their own business. You don't accept the first quote; it's your life, you have the right to ask questions, request explanations and require your doctor to come up with available alternatives, not just the pre-ferred option. And doctors have to divest themselves of that handy aura they hide like prime donnes when con-fronted by patients who exer-

That is how it works when medics themselves become pa tients. Medic patients would never find their innards ex-posed on video for the enjoyment of sad creatures pared to pay for the plessure"

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# Unite against Baghdad

Britain must help the Iraqi hijackers in search of asylum, and ignore those Tories calling for their return, argues **Emma Nicholson** – for we have done little to curb Saddam's tyranny

quential drama on British soil, it is timely to examine both the British Government's response to this potential tragedy and to the vast, continuing disaster that is Saddam's Iraq. None of us knows who the hijackers are nor whom they represent, but it seems likely that they are high-ranking offi-cials, probably from Saddam's army or even his noto-rious Republican Guard. How else could they have been allowed to leave Iraq together with their families? Even some of his most longserving diplomats are forbidden to take wives and children with them outside the borders of Iraq. Their families are held hostage, with lives and safety conditional upon the travelling members' return. Such relative free dom to travel in entire family structures can only mean one thing these men were close to Saddam Hussein himself, and their defection would

N THE wake of the Iraqi caught by Iraqi agents still dissidents' hijack of a Sudan Airways passenger plane and its consecutive for the Iraqi caught by Iraqi agents still loyal to the regime. Ironically, until Saddam falls, the defectors' safest place may be the British prisons, with fam-ily members outside given some security protection. Were these men close to Sad-dam, as I believe to be the case, then they have knowledge which governments seeking his downfall would find useful in strengthening the case at the United of sanctions. This dreadful weapon, proven so successful in South Africa against apartheid, has had limited success so far against Saddam only in that it has inhibited him from major purchases of new or replacement armaments. This has not stopped him, however, from continuing to harm the Iraqi people. He has laid waste the country from top to bottom. In Iraqi Kurdistan his forces have continuously assaulted towns and villages, destroyed harvests and slaughtered those who resist. Admittedly he has been grotesquely aided in this gruesome task by the Iraqi Kurdistani polit-ical parties themselves. As a

actions of the Iraqi Kurds towards each other and those of Saddam's armies against them. The tragedy of the Turkish Kurdish community has blurred the picture internationally and may have cloaked from time to time the marauding Iraqi army's actions around Iraq's northern safe-haven. The bitter pill for those countries such as the United Kingdom who initiated and still support the safe-haven, has been the sight of Barzani and Talabani fighting each other as opposed to moving against Baghdad. This Iraqi opposition in-

ability to have a clear focus and a single aim has dogged their efforts to dislodge Saddam for years. Surely one form of opposition, and by far the strongest, should come from the very large Iraqi communities now sheltering in the region and the West. The United Kingdom harbours. perhaps 65,000 Iraqi refugees. France has a smaller number, as does Ger-many. The Europeans' vol-ume of Iraqi refugees shrinks in comparison with the 645,000 who have gained a safe haven in Iran, where I assist 90,000 to survive through the Amar (Assisting Marsh Arabs and Refugees)

appeal.

More have fled to Syria or and their detection would have taken a mean prolonged and agonising execution for them and ical parties themselves. As a lithough very small in numtheir families if they were White House spokesman ber, are in the US. All of ate. It was the British who

commented privately last these communities are be-year, it has become difficult devilled by a singular lack of distinguish between the actions of the Iraqi Kurds again to the battle against the battle against mixture of the towards each other and those apartheid, the Iraqi opposiapartheid, the Iraqi opposi-tion would do well to study the Afican National Congress (ANC). Despite their difficul-ties, which are being aired now in front of Archbishop Tutu and fellow members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, they form a model which the Iraqi National Congress (INC) would do well to study. Wherever they were living, mem-bers of the ANC put the aims of the organisation above their tribal grievances. The destruction of apartheid and one-man-one-vote (one-woman too) in South Africa were their goals - which they have achieved. A modern miracle created by consistent, united work.

N CONTRAST, the Iraqi National Congress, despite its backing by the European Union, the US and many Gulf regional governments, has been riven by disunity. Without a uni-fied opposition within and outside Iraq, how can sympathetic governments assist the people of Iraq in any tangible way other than through the provision of humanitarian

Of course, it could rightly have been expected by all and sundry that the British Government would have taken a

independently minded Kurds, the non-political and of Shi'a in the South, and the Ottoman-Empire-backed Sunni, the minority to whom the British gave power in the 20s. Yet, despite our great knowledge of Iraq, from which seems to stem the Ed ward Kennedy view that Irac is a European problem, the British Government choose to stand aside and watch and photograph while the histor ic marshlands of Mesopota mia were destroyed. With this background it is proper for Britain to give all

the assistance possible to the Iraqi refugees. Under no cir-cumstances can it be right to do other than actively oppose in every way possible aerial terrorism such as the hijacking of an aircraft. But we should also recognise the des-perate situation in which the Iraqi people find themselves. Extradition to a country where death certainly awaits, even with Sudan as a stopover, is not a solution within recent rulings of the European Court of Human Rights, or older international conventions. But it is typical of today's Conservatives that they should call for it nonetheless.

Emma Nicholson, Liberal Democrat MP for Devon West and Torridge, chairs the British

# **Graphic images** for war and work

BRAM Games. 82, was one of the poster designers and the best-known and the most versatile, prolific and single-minded of them all. The wartime posters which first made him famous broke new ground in bringing new or unusual graphic ideas to a vast, popular but in part unso-phisticated audience, starved of any such stimulus; they were vivid strong and always ers (some 270 in all were published), neatly signed A Games, were always fresh and unpredictable; many, like the ATS girl became classics

Ahram Games was born in Whitechapel His father was Latvian photographer, his mother a Russo-Polish seamstress. He went to the Grocers' Company school in Hackney Downs, and then briefly to worked for a while as assis tant to his father, and then as cial art studio which eventu-ally sacked him for being too independent. So, aged 22, he went freelance, and after a struggle getting started he began to get poster commis-sions — from Shell, ROSPA, clients. But it was the war that got him going properly. The War Office quickly turned the infantry private into the first official war poster designer and he designed over 100 posters for them.

these from my schooldays: a poster of ATS girl in profile; a Careless Talk poster with a soldier being stabbed in the back by a coiled-spring bayo-net; another for Grow Your Own Food, half cargo ship, half garden spade. Games's ideas and skills

commercial messages of war-time; he was the perfect man for the job. It is hard now to remember how powerful posters used to be. In those innocent days when Games first became well-known, posters were real eye-catchers. There were few other images for them to compete with - no colour supplements, no television — and any striking images became popular and

stuck in many people's minds as vividly as they did in mine. After the war, Games went back to working on his own. He was also a visiting lecturer at the Royal College of Art from 1946-53, in Professor Richard Guyatt's School of Graphic Design, that curl-ously assorted hunch of tal-

ents, alongside Edward Ardiz-20ne, Edward Bawden, John Nash, and Reynolds Stone. In 1947 he designed the stamp which earned him briefly the nickname "Olympic" Games. Then in 1948 he won the competition for the Festival of Britain symbol. This optimistic and easily understood design of a festive but vaguely 3D Britannia draped with a little red and white bunting, artists like John Heartfield in



Wartime ATS poster (detail)

and was probably his most widely known single work. Games went on to design many more symbols and devices for other prominent bodies like the BBC, British Aluminium and the Queen's Award for Industry, and post age stamps for Jersey and Israel. But it was as a poster designer that he remained

ranging and fruitful. Apart from his many dehis posters were no longer for the public sector but for Murphy radios, the Jersey Tourist Board, The Times and The Financial Times, Guinness, the UN Freedom from Hunger Shakespeare Theatre. There were many too for Israel -Games was a practising orthodox Jew throughout his life. He became an OBE in 1958 and

unforgettable. His must have | in 1969, and was awarded the Royal Society of Art's silver medal in 1962; he was hontional exhibitions and international design awards.

paring an idea down to its essential minimum while keeping it interesting and striking. He often used startling visual comparisons combining two oddly assorted ideas into one — a copy of the FT into a striding city gent in pink, a bowler hat into the G of Guinness, a parasol handle into the J of Jersey, a starved

Festival of Britain logo

in France, and an English tra-dition that included E McKnight Kauffer and Ashley Havinden as well as Games's nearer contemporaries such as Tom Eckersley, George Him and F H K Henrion. What was unique to Games was his range, precision and crafts-manship. He took pride in his skill in using an airbrush, considered rather a common tool when I was at the RCA; Games could use it as if it was

His posters gave you plenty to look at. He was tireless and self-critical in the way he developed his ideas, through many tiny studies - as he wrote recently, "I never work always been in poster design and posters seen from a dis-tance are small. If ideas do not work when they are an inch high, they are never going to

Later on he sometimes chose a broader treatment: a Keep Britain Tidy road sweeper. a Top Person in a toga reading The Times. But his most characteristic and expressive work is in his tighter and more precise vein: bolic goddess like the ATS girl and the Festival Britannia.

These idealised heads are not quite flesh-and-blood; they are visions of perfection, impersonal and even sexy but not alive. Games was interested in drawing — he had gone to evening life classes while he was at St Martin's but character, personality, oddity interested him less

Games always worked on his own at his north London home. He was serious and dedicated: "I am a very determined man. I will make it work if I know it is right." He spoke clearly and lucidly about the way he worked. He would argue with conviction, but not with heat — indeed, I never saw him let himself go in any way.

Games may have been shy on occasion but he did not seem to lack self-confidence. He believed in what he did without any apparent doubts and quite without irony. When an element of humour appeared in his work, it seemed slightly out of charac-ter. I don't think he would ever have made a design that was subversive or critical of the established order, or even faintly mischievous. Maybe his Polish and Latvian parents passed on to him a polite and uncritical respect for British

As a person he was friendly, considerate and encouraging, as a teacher (he taught me in my first year at the RCA), he could also be quite firm. He had strong principles: he once refused to join the Alliance Graphique Internationale because he thought it elitist. But he liked keeping in touch with his fellow designers, and with what students were doing. Even late in life he went on seeing and helping many of them. I last saw him at the RCA's degree show a few



was proud of his work and his I looked after her with great

mercial posters: the hoardings have to grub along on infanmonths ago, when he was his tile political posters and cigarette ads that are not allowed on television. Poster images Abram Games's world has are now mostly photographic. e. People still design post- The kind of playful or surreal

sion. The liveliest posters are that Games played with paint, often flyposted. Television has are now done routinely and taken the punch out of com- anonymously on computers: it anonymously on computers: it would not occur to anyone to wonder who had done them. Ali Abram Games's designs passion and individuality. He

over a long and creative working life, to keep on doing what he did best. In his chosen medium he was a master. In 1948 he married the texwere recognisably his own. tile designer Marianne Sal-They had vigour, imagination, feld. Marianne died in 1988 of multiple scierosis; Abram had

phie and Neomi. His companion and friend in later years was Peggy Epstein.

Abram Games, graphic artist, born July 29, 1914; died August



Italian job . . . Fisher as Turandot with James Johnston at Covent Garden

Sylvia Fisher

# he voice

thoven's Leonore at Covent Garden on December 9, 1948, nobody would have guessed that this was the first time she had ever stepped on to the operatic stage. They would have been surprised, too, to learn that she had been accepted by the company only after five auditions. But if the management had been slow to make up their minds, the respouse of critics and public was immediate: the new Australian sourano was greeted with warm-hearted admiration which was to increase with every performance she gave over the following decade at the Royal Opera House. Born in Melbourne, Sylvia Fisher became known as a

and Donna Anna for the Australian Broadcasting Company. She came to England in 1947, where the door suddenly pany. She came to England in 1947, where the door suddenly opened for her after a year more sophisticated character.

HEN Sylvia Fisher, during which loneliness had who has died aged frequently made her feel like se, appeared as Bee- returning home.

She was always a person of melancholy and pessimistic disposition, even at the height of her success. Although she started at the top and was always entrusted with the most prestigious roles at Co-vent Garden, she seemed to lack self-confidence even when surrounded by friends who loved her. Within a counle of seasons

she had triumphed in the Wagnerian roles of Senta, Elsa and Sieglinde, also Mozart's Countess and Strauss's Marschallin. As Sieglinde she was compared to Lotte Lehmann for the warmth of her stage presence and her vocal radiance. She was later to combine these qualities with all the lleder and oratorio singer, necessary heroic command also performing a handful of for Brünnhilde. Her operatic roles including Aida Marschallin always dominated Der Rosenkonaller, for this was a character with

Regine Crespin a more sensu-ous one, but Sylvia Fisher was the most convincing in portraying the pathos of the woman finally renouncing her younger lover.
Other important roles in

cluded Ellen in Peter Grimes which was later to bring a fruitful association with Benjamin Britten, also Isolde and Turandot. This last was her only Italian role, though she had become Italian by mar-riage to Ubaldo Gardini, a proessor of violin who subsequently joined the music staff of Covent Garden and who helped to secure engagements for her to sing in Rome, Bolo gna and other Italian opera houses. Her last undertakings at the Royal Opera House were in Janacek's Jenufa and Poulenc's Dialogues Des Carmélites, both of which showed

how she had matured as an actress over the years.
In 1958 it seemed that her career was over, but five years later she made a welcome return to the stage with the English Opera Group, singing first Lady Billows in Albert Herring and then parts in other Britten operas. On the night of the composer's 50th night of the composer's 50th birthday, November 22, 1963, she enjoyed an outstanding success at the Royal Festival Hall as Queen Elizabeth in a concert performance of Gloriana, which had been so poorly received at Covent Garden as the Coronation opera 10 years earlier. 10 years earlier.
During the performance

dent Kennedy's assassination, so what should have been a celebration dinner in her London home afterwards became an occasion for grief as we sat at table watching the events in Dallas being shown on

television. Fortunately the performance of Gloriana, though given little press coverage was not forgotten, and it was staged at Sadler's Wells three years later, again with Sylvia Fisher in the title role. This those critics who had dismissed it originally, and it remained in the repertoire for Prinsess Erraves Fisher, the most modest of

artists, once confided to me that what gave her most plea-sure in the whole of her career was the part she had played in winning for this opera the recognition it deserved but which had been withheld for so long. Britten expressed his gratifude by writing the part of Miss Wingrave for her in his television opera Owen Wingrave, which brought her back to Covent Garden in its staged version in 1973. She was then 63, and her career had come full circle after a quarter of a century. It could happier way.

Frank Gramdile Barks Sylvia Fisher, opera singer, born April 18, 1910; died August 25, 1996

Michael - Cocaine dealer

I'd come to England on a long holiday. Then I met a girl and

two months later she got preg-

nant. My visa was run out, and

I didn't have a social security number and I couldn't get an-

other job. Then some guys who sold stuff on the frontline

they said, "Come on!" I didn't

want to go in too deep. The

and made £150 on my £150.

And then I got greedy. Pretty

soon I was making £4,000-£5,000 a week. I also had a lot of stuff. People who smoked

first time I bought the small-

est amount: a sixteenth for £150. In 10 minutes I'd sold out

Age: 24 Area: Bristol

Birthdays

Lord (Richard) Attenborough, producer, director, chairman, Channel 4, 73; Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, merchant banker, 65; Dame Mary Donaldson, first woman Lord Mayor of London, 75; William liott Gould, actor. 38: Thom Gunn, poet 57; Lenny Henry, comedian, 38; Marmaduke Hussey, former chairman, BBC board of governors, 73; Michael Jackson, rock singer, 38; Tony Newton MP, Leader of the Commons, 59; Dick Spring, deputy prime minister, Republic of Ireland, 46.

#### Death Notices

Jackdaw



#### **Curry favour**

Step one: wear napkins on faces, bandit-style. Step two: all shout in unison, "hands up for lager!"
Step three: front row prop to order "Poppadoms, and many

Step four: sing: "You've lost that loving feeling" immediately segueing into theme tune from Hawali Five 0. Step five: receive poppadoms and wear napkins on heads. Step six: order curry loudly, eg "Chicken Dupiaza! Plain rice and that's it!" Step seven: accuse the person called Simon that he's had a sly puke in the bogs. Step eight: Simon to

Step nine: receive and eat curry — it is essential that large quantities of rice remain untouched. Step ten: argue over the bill. By one o'clock the ritual's

over, Jerusalem is now just a few hundred yards down the street, and the waiters smile. But didn't they object to that lot? "They're not bad people," says the manager, Mohibur "Ray" Rahman. They may be drunk, but they're not destructive — all they want to do is to shout and

Guy Walters finds that people

will stand by their naan, in

enjoy themselves."

Fine wine Always carry a corkscrew. coolest part of the house. 3. Try to keep a cellar book or at least a note of what you have drunk and enjoyed. 4. If you are buying for invest-ment, always buy the best wine you can afford: go for quality rather than quantity.
5. Buy only the best vintages

creates its own demand. 6. Spend money on proper glassware, and never serve wine in small glasses. 7. Do not serve red burgundy too warm, nor white burgundy too cold. 8. Drink wines to suit your

for investment for reputation

mood rather than to match the A sample of Decanter's top

#### **Erotic front**

IT WAS 4pm on the 13th floor of a hotel in Paddington when I discovered waistbands. He was scanning the horizon line, mist piling off St Paul's but my. view was a radiator and an inch-and-a-half thick strip of elastic waistband. The pants were nice olive-green-andapricot-striped-soft-cotton shorts, but the waistband . . . I mean it was big, a bloody great chastity belt, a 28" suspension ring of corregated fabric. It cut his body into biographical halves — above: the slow curve of a man-size torso; below 12 inches of boyish pants. My next waistband epiphany happened in the gym. Lying on my

side stretching my leg. I rolled over to face a body, again cut in half by the thinnest draw-string waistband on a pair of softest cotton trousers. The drawstring held in a faded Tshirt, showed a slither of colour of underpants here and there. It made the man appear fragile and tender. Waistonds are the most exquisitely erotic things. The waistband on a

pair of trousers is rigged for a man's sexuality, the horizon-tal divide between above and below, between the working man and the sexual man. Through decades of fashion, waisthands have told us more in shorthand about men's public image then any amount of cloth and colour.

Harriet Quick confesses to being

a waistband fetishist in Arena

#### **High Times**

DANIELLE - Cannabis dealer Age: 30 Area: South London I'm a single mother with two boys, both under six, and I've been living on the social. I get £96.40 a week -- and it doesn't go anywhere. Dealing

couldn't get from doing anything else: I've got a car, I get to go on holiday a few times a year and my kids don't feel left out for toys and things. I deal mostly with resin and some weed. I pretty much double my money each time I get a nine bar, a 100 per cent mark up. The police aren't that interested if you're at my level . . . I'll sell to anyone. I've got doctors, dentists, you name it - but I won't sell it to kids.

Judith — Eestasy dealer Age 27 Area: North London Nothing illegal is ever kept in the house. That's how I got nicked last time. We had about £10,000 worth of E and speed, I didn't want it at the house because of the kids, but the person who normally looks after the stuff was away until the following morning. I was really worried and the babysitter was in the house. He's only 13. He said be'd have it in his room for the night. But I'd been grassed up. The next morning they went round to his house. They found drugs and asked him whose they were. He said they were mine. He's only a kid. They

came and arrested me. Down at

the station they were trying to

my boyfriend Marcus. In the end they charged me and the babysitter and I got bail because of me and the kids. Marcus knew this bloke who'd been caught with a load of drugs. He pleaded guilty and was going to prison anyway, so Marcus of-fered him eight grand to put his hands up to my lot as well, so he

make messy it all belonged to



ping. I won't work nine-to-five after doing this now!

crack would go out robbing and then give you things in exchange for drugs. Sky magazine delves into the aler's world.

#### Cow comer

THE GERMANS tough stance against BSE surely hit rock bottom this week with a store cancelling corners for top quality prize cattle manur ecause it came from Wales! The store, which takes 12,000 bags of the manure a year

from Major Homfrey (he owns a farm in the vale of Glamor-gan), made the move when the consumers discovered where the manure was coming from. "It's absolute madness to think that there can be any connection between BSE and a product you put in a water-ing can to liquid feed hanging baskets and plant pots," he

It has been worked out that it would take a million cows head to tail to stretch the distance between John O' Groats and Lands End by the organisers of a marathon journey the ength of Great Britain designed to promote and help boost confidence in British beef. The promotional journey, One Million Cows Long. is on 12 September. Mad effects still prevailing, reported in the Meat Trades

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# Finance Guardian

# EU exports cut trade gap

# Pick-up dispels City anxieties

URGING exports to the Continent have fuelled a pick-up in the UK's trade per-formance, dispelling City fears that a buoyant high street would send Britain spiralling into the red.

The Office for National Statistics said yesterday that the shortfall with European Union partners had fallen to £28 million in June against £314 million the previous month.

After a summer of upbeat figures on inflation, borrowing and unemployment. Trea-sury ministers welcomed news of a narrowing trade gap as a sign of new competi-tiveness among exporters. Economists said signs

showed, in contrast to past recoveries, that strong high-street sales were not sucking in foreign-made consumer

Jonathan Loynes, at bro-kers HSBC James Capel, said: "These figures should lay to rest any concerns that the recent acceleration in domes-

tic demand — and in particu-lar consumer activity — will have an adverse impact on the trade balance."

the trade balance."

William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said: "These figures provide further evidence of the increasing competitiveness of British goods."
Improving sales across the Channel held the June global deficit unchanged at £1.1 billion, said the ONS, compared with City forecasts of £1.4 billion.

Market-watchers said the better than expected figures meant trade would have little impact on next week's meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank

Simon Briscoe, UK econo mist at Nikko Europe, said: "The feared deterioration in

Trade with EU

terialised... The overseas ac count continues to be on the sidelines of economic policy."
The ONS said that July figures for trade with countries

proved, with the deficit down to £506 million against 51,090 million in June.
On a three-monthly basis,
ONS officials said, the trade
picture was "broadly flat",
with the whole-world deficit
at £3.6 billion between April

and June, only marginally up on the £3.5 billion recorded in on the E3.5 billion recorded in the year's first three months.

The car industry continued to give a lead to exporters, with an 11 per cent quarter-on-quarter rise in the number of UK-built vehicles sold abroad imports of cars fell by

10 per cent in the same period, the ONS said. Even on a volume basis — seen by economists as a more robust guide to underlying trends — exports of goods trends — exports of goods rose by 2 per cent between the first and second quarter, while imports nudged up by

warned that the subdued import demand could be a reflec tion of a large stock overhang in British factories, with firms meeting demand from storerooms, rather than overseas orders.

Labour said the improvement could not be sustained shadow chief secretary, said Britain has too small a manufacturing base to sustain growth without a persistent trade deficit."

Some City commentators said the data did not fit with economic trends and could be subject to future revision.
Alex Garrard, UK economist
at Swiss investment bank
UBS, said: "The UK's trade performance continues to mystify us. These data are no-toriously erratic, and prone

#### Notebook

# Disentangling the conglomerate myth



Edited by Alex Brummer

MONG the reasons that demergers have become so fashionable is that they make it easier for investors to understand the dynamics of a business

Nothing Illustrates this more clearly than the listing documents for Millennium Chemicals and Imperial Tobacco, two of the four enterprises being carved out

By nature the chemical industry is highly cyclical and Millennium, with its and Millennium, with its heavy dependence on polyethylene, will be no exception. Nevertheless, shareholders will hardly be prepared for the tough judgments on Millennium included in the information decuments in line. mation documents in line

with SEC requirements. Shareholders are warned that, whereas the chemicals business has been profitable as part of Hanson — when it has had the benefit of cheaper finance and clever tax strategies — standing on its own there "can be no assurance that it can be operated profitably".

indeed, those familiar with the history of Quantum, which accounts for around 40 per cent of the revenues of the new company, will know that it was often a lossmaker and that the main saving that Hanson brought to it was cheaper debi-service arrangements. As the documents show, outside the Hanson orbit it will become highly leveraged, and may find it difficult to find finance except

on far less beneficial terms. In contrast to Millennium. the Imperial Group has been one of the jewels in the Hanson crown. Stripped back to its essentials by the Hanson/ White partnership at its peak, and modernised by a clever manager, Ron Fulford, Imperial has increased its profits steadily from £249 million in 1991 to £348 million last year. Profits have been maintained, despite a loss of volumes in the UK. But tobacco is hardly a fashionable busi-ness. Although Imperial is not a player in the politicallysensitive US market, it is cer-

facing tobacco companies as they seek to replace Western markets with those in developing countries. The attraction of Imperial is that it is, for the moment, so cash-generative — which is what made it such an impor tant constituent of the Hanson conglomerate. Smoking profits were there when

tain to be contaminated as a result of the Food & Drug Ad-

m the US, the court cases, and

the increasing moral outrage

On its own, therefore, Imperial seems eventually to be a likely takeover target. This

hemicals and building indus-

caped the sharp-eyed Hanson managers at the new

As well as equipping them-selves with share option schemes which will yield 150 per cent of basic salary, their per cent of basic salary, their contracts protect them from takeover with n poison pill which would provide twice the annual salary plus other benefits, including pensions. Very un-Cadbury like.

As for non-executive chairman Derek Ronham, he will collect \$150.000 even the salary plus the salary plus

collect £150,000 a year. Modest maybe by British Gas stan-dards, but certainly ratcheting up the going rate for non-executives in low-complexity. medium-sized enterprises.

#### Trade puzzies

HEN sterling was dumped out of the ERM four years ago, two facts became common currency, First, that inflation would take off. Wrong, prices remain stagnant. Second, that the benefit to exporters would Wear off.

The trade figures suggest that this second truism was also mistaken. Exports are soaring, even to the moribund continental European mar-kets. Despite buoyant high street activity, imports are restrained. In end-of-summer party mood, ministers proclaimed the data as evidence of a culture-shift in the UK

In June, the trade deficit with other EU countries nar-rowed to just £28 million. compared with £314 million the previous month — and the best figure since November 1995. Outside the RU, trade is picking up too. in July, the shortfall between was £506 million, half the gar

bers are surprising. By now, the advantages of a weaker pound have surely worn off. And given that the UK is a couple of years ahead of its nomic cycle, history teaches us that we should be sucking in imports, not spewing out

exports.
Treasury officials say the rosy trade performance is a direct result of low inflation. They point out that export prices dipped by 1 per cent in June. British firms are maintaining a competitive edge, the Whitehall line goes, by keeping prices under control. But the numbers still don't look right. Successive surveys from the CBI report gloom among exporters, and they should know. Trade figpres are potoriously erratic quent revision. The Treasury should keep the champagne

#### Buffett debut

Afor the normally sedate Eurobond markets: the London debut of the sage of Omaha, Warren Buffett. His raising \$100 million (£65 million) of debt. The offer was quickly snapped up by curi-ous investors wondering if this is the precursor of deals possibility clearly has not es- to come.

#### Iran sues Siemens for failing to complete nuclear plant

Industrial Staff

NCREASINGLY rocky relations between Iran and Germany worsened yesterday when it emerged that Sie-mens is facing a multi-billion pound claim for damages from Tehran over its failure to complete a nuclear power

plant.
The industrial giant is fac-ing claims for more than 8 billion marks (£3.6 billion) in compensation over the abandoned plant in the south-ern port of Bushehr.

An official Iranian newspaper quoted Iran's ambassador to Germany, Houssain Moussavian, as saying the claim for compensation had been lodged with the International Court of Justice. He accused Siemens of bowing to US pressure to block development of the plant.

However, Siemens dis-

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ise Iran by the then Shah. The half finished plant was abandoned in 1979 when the Shah was toppled, but plans to develop nuclear power were later revived.

missed the claim last night as "absolutely unjustified", say-ing the matter had largely been settled by international

The plant, being built by the Siemens subsidiary KWU

under a contract signed in the

mid-1970s, formed the centre-piece of a drive to industrial-

arbitration in 1982.

Siemens said it had been blocked from shipping parts both during the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war and subsequently but said that an arbitrator had already declared the contract finished and closed.

In 1995 Iran signed a con-tract with Russia to complete the plant in the face of US protests that Tehran might use the technology to develop nuclear weapons.

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS France 7.60 Germany 2.2300 Greece 359.75 Hong Kong 11.71 India 55.63 Singapore 2.1375 South Africa 6.80 Spain 188.40 Sweden 10.71 Switzerland 1.78 Australia 1.90 italy 2,308 Maifa 0,5365 Netherlands 2,5025 New Zealand 2,18 Norway 9,7275

# Dividends will fall as Hanson is broken up

the formerly high-flying conglomerate, will cost cost million — but will leave shareholders worse off as the dividends of the constituent dividends of the constituent ments through funds gener-parts will fall well short of the ated internally from operagroup's recent payouts.

Hanson yesterday revealed the total cost of the demerger exercise, which was announced in January, in documents posted to shareholders ahead of next month's meeting to vote on the split. They also reveal the heavy cost of paying the executive teams.

If they approve the plan, shareholders will get one share in imperial for every 10 outcome for the current fi-they own in Hanson, and one nancial year and look for-Spokesman Chris Collins said the demerger costs cov- dividends will not match the

ered the printing of docu-ments as well as fees for mer-chant banks and professional advisers. It covers the spin-off of Imperial Tobacco and the US chemical company, Mil-lennium, which shareholders will vote on next month, and the separate demerger of the coal and electricity subsid-iary, which will happen next

The documents released yesterday made plain that shareholders will be receiving shares in some risky ven-tures and will be worse off in the short term.
The Millennium prospectus

warns that the chemical company — which includes SCM, the titanium dioxide producer, and Quantum chemicals, the sthylene manufactures and pensions.

#### tions and external borrowings (which may be more costly)," the statement Tobacco are less gloomy about the prospects for the John Player and Regal manu-

facturer, despite recent US court judgments threatening the cigarette industry. "The directors expect a satisfactory ward ... Imperial Tobacco with confidence," they say. But the independent units'

12p per share which Hanson shareholders received last year. Analysis expect a com-bined dividend between Sp Millennium is planning to

Mileonium is planning in pay a very low dividend as it focuses on long-term invest-ment and pays off net debt of about \$2 billion. Imperial directors will be eligible for hefty bonuses. They start of with the chance

of winning free shares worth one and a half times their salaries, if Imperial Tobacco's share price is better than 80 of the country's top 100 companies. But if the company is

#### Bureau opens more secure route to buying | as Dairy Crest via the net

Nicholes Bannister Technology Editor

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HE race to realise the commercial potential of the Internet botted up yes-terday when UUNET Pipex launched what it claimed to he the first really secure payment service.

Trading over the net has been held back by concerns

about the safety of giving out personal financial information, such as credit card numbers, over such an

open network.
Richard Nuttall, director
of UUNET Pipex's electronic commerce division, said the new Bureau service was "the missing piece in the jigsaw" - a low cost system more secure than buying by credit or debit card in a shop or by phone. He said customers would

register free with the Bureau, sending their card numbers and other personal details in encrypted form once. Thereafter they would use just a user name and password, backed up by challenges should spanding exceed chosen limits. The challenge and its answer could be just two words which made sense

only to the customer. Mr Nuttall said a software company, a mail order house and two publishing companies had already agreed use the service. He expected about 100 retailers would be using it within the year.

#### Farmers reap healthy profit shares surge

SHARES in Dairy Crest Group, formerly the man-ufacturing arm of the now de-funct Milk Marketing Board, surged 27 per cent to 198p on their first day of trading on the London stock exchange.

bulk of the shares. Worries over the strength

of the new issue market had prompted the company's fi-nancial advisers to trim its issue price to a modest 155p. Dairy Crest sold about 30 per cent of its shares to institutions but the remaining 70 per cent went to the 29,000 farmers who own the company. Last week, Dairy Crest said more than 90 per cent of those farmers had chosen shares rather than cash dur-

ing the offer.

Dairy Crest's pre-tax profit
in the year to March rose
from \$22.1 million to \$37.4 million, mainly because of growing sales in cheeses and

The group buys much of its milk from Milk Marque, a co-operative of Britain's 30,000 farmers, and now stands to benefit from the Government's decision to order Milk milk drinks. Marque to reform its milk selling system after com-

This put a price tag of \$217.5 million on the UK's third-largest dairy producer—\$46 million above its initial valuation. This made a tidy paper profit for the army of small farmers who own the

plaints that it kept prices arti-

# and may not be profitable. "There can be no assurance that it can be operated profitably as a stand alone com-pany... After the demergar the company will have to meet all of its cash require

The dome of St Paul's rising above the smoke provided an enduring image of the Blitz. Only the ever present cranes obscure today's view from the south bank of the Thames in David Sillitoe's photograph for our series of City images

# Lloyd's rebels given another week

Pauline Springett

HR embattled Lloyd's of London insurance market yesterday launched a last-ditch effort to eliminate the remaining opposition to its £3.2 billion rescue plan, informally extending the

deadline for acceptance.
It sought to isolate rebel Names by announcing that more than 90 per cent of Names had voted in favour of the deal, including nearly 67 per cent of US Names. The market's 34,000 Names had been told they must sign up by noon yesterday but they may be

Richard Rosenblat, chair- | man of the American Names action group said he thought the extension was a tactic to discourage rebels from continuing to litigate.
"It won't succeed," he added. He said the US group had

several lawsuits against Lloyd's in the pipeline and was considering appealing against Monday's US court railing which had allowed the rescue deal to proceed. Monday's ruling over-turned a decison made last friday by a judge in Vir-ginia which had effectively blocked the rescue plan. Mr Rosenblat condemned the hearing, saying it had

He also said that Lloyd's particularly in the US, may was informally extending have deferred acceptance of was informally extending have deferred acceptance of its deadline for Names to their offer in the light of accept the rescue package because it did not have sufficient numbers in favour. However, it appears cer tain that the Lloyd's ruling council will be in a position to declare the offer unconditional after it meets

Lloyd's chairman David Rowland, who has master minded the rescue deal said: "The level of acceptance speaks for itself Members have made their views toward the recon-struction of Lloyd's abun-

the Virginia court judg-ment last Friday and the subsequent US Appeals Court ruling in Baltimore last night. In the circumstances, I believe that the fair and proper course is to extend flexibility in receiving acceptance forms be-youd today's deadline." The rescue deal is designed to compensate Names for the £8 billion losses Lloyd's incurred between 1988 and 1902. Thou-

sands of Names have sued or threatened to sue Lloyd's over their losses. Those "I acknowledge that who accept the deal are many overseas members, banned from suing.

## Pearl of Avon on the market

WEALTHY oyster
lovers who don't
mind a spot of hard
work are being given the rare opportunity to buy their own oyster-farming business. Ill-health has forced Peter Lewis to call it a day and put Avon Oys-ters, one of the West Country's best known producers, up for sale, writes Geoffrey Gibbs. The business, one of only

29 oyster farms in England, produces up to 5,000 oysters a week and is also involved in the processing and marketing of mussels and other shellfish bought in from local rivers.

company's purification plant, is sold to wholesalrs, retailers and fish res taurants around the country. Turnover slipped last year after Mr Lewis became ill, reducing profits from £25,000 to £20,000.

The farm is now cultivat ing one million Pacific Gigas oysters in bags laid on metal racks in the tidal estuary of the River Avon. Included in the £170,000plus price tag are a seafood bistro and retail outlet as well as the shellfish purification plant and the million oysters.

GLYN LLOYD-JONES BY TIM CUFF



Highly paid architect signed up to design new Citibank headquarters at Canary Wharf

# Foster doubles his salary

the world-famous architect recruited to design Citibank's new headquarters in London's Docklands, has more than doubled his salary

The accounts of Sir Norman's company, Foster Holdings Ltd, show that he

Foster Holdings, in which Sir Norman holds an 30 per cent stake, reported a 21 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £1.2 million during the

News of 61-year-old Sir Norman's humper pay packet co-incides with his appointment to design Citibank's new £300 militon UK corporate head office at Causry Wharf. Citibank, which has de-

London offices together at the new building, has so far said

However, spokeswoman Kathryn Carassalini said Citibank expects to complete contractual negotiations on the deal within two months. The bank expects to begin occupy-ing the 500,000 sq ft building towards the end of 1999. The appointment is the lat-est high-profile project in-

against 2209,984 the previous year — in the year ended | London offices together at the | scraper in the City of London for Kvaerner, the Norwegian that Canary Wharf is the shipping and engineering "preferred site".

citibank would not say how much it is paying Sir Nor-man, whose other recent accomplishments include designing the new Hong Kong airport, or why it had selected him above other architects. Ms Carassalini said yester day: "Sir Norman has worked with us for several months on

Citibank, the second-big-est bank in the US, will base 2,500 of its 4,000 British staff - mainly working in benking and capital markets — in the new building. It is the latest francial in-

stitution to snub the City in favour of Canary Wharf. It joins BZW, Bear Stearns and joins BZW, Bear Steams and Morgan Stanley there, and competition between Dock-lands and the City to woo other firms remains intense. year, as part of a cost-saving reorganisation,
Ms Community

Wharf had received the nod over another rival site, thought to be in the City. "We were quite open minded as to whether we moved into something siready there or whether we built something. Both the short-listed sites fitted the criteria we had set, but in the end it came down to

# In demand from France to Japan

Sarah Whitebloom and Ian King on the popularity and passion of Sir Norman

have a higher public profile, Sir Norman Foster is one of the leading figures in world

There appears to be scarcely any large project in which he has not had some hand. He has been reshaping the Reichstag in Berlin, creat-ing plans for Hong Kong's new and controversial £2 billion airport, designing the world's tallest building in Japan and the massive bridge over the Gorges du Tarn in less-than-relaxing pursuits of skiing and flying the office jet inslots whose hobbies include the thing, the architect superistar insless that he checks every-southern France — and working on a new-look Wembley — is said rarely to take a The twice-married architects.

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LTHOUGH some of his clude the space-age Stansted colleagues, such as Sir airport and the controversial Cambridge law library. The 61-year-old former

council worker and national serviceman has come a very long way from his Mancher ter working-class roots. They may not be to Prince Charles's taste, but his glass and steel structures have made him the world's most sought-after — and possibly the richest — architect.

So extensive are his com-mitments that Sir Norman —



Powerful vision . . . Sir Norman Foster's design for Wembley Stadium in the 21st century

is on holiday. Despite his appetite for work there have been questions asked about just how much of his burgeon-ing workload Sir Norman is able to control. Around 250 staff are now employed by his partnership in order to tackle the firm's commitments.

While it would be impossi-ble for him to take on every-

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Thatcherite 1980s. He built exacting and difficult to work higger and taller towers such for, like most architects."

Few others in Sir Norman's profession can have received drais to finance for the age of international money.

Fittingly, he received his knighthood in the 1990 honours list, just as the UK construction industry plunged into recession. Of course, he has his de-

tractors, and one leading ar-chitect said yesterday: "He is obviously highly regarded. But he is extremely thorough,

so many plaudits for their work and be in such international demand. So popular has be become abroad that overseas carnings now account for the vast majority of his partnership's income. Three-quarters of the firm's \$16 million turnover in 1995 came from the Far Kest and continental Europe. The UK contributed just £3 million.

Str Norman is also a pas-sionate spokesman for archi-tecture and a founder trustee of the Architecture Foundation, which aims to promote excellence in the profession. Headed by Sir Norman's archerival Sir Richard Rogers, the group includes figures such as the BBC's Alan 
Yentob, Baroness Blackstone, 
Independent founding editor 
Andress Whittam-Smith, and 
Chells McKentein Comments. Sheila McKechnie, former director of the housing charity Shelter.

Smart Class not Club Class

### Underside

Dan Atkinson

OOR old Lloyd's just can't shake aspestos. Not only has the insur-ance market taken an Atlantic-sized bath on claims against the fallen wondersubstance, but now it finds the stuff parked on its doorstep. Workmen spent the long weekend beavering away on a development in Leadenhall Market; come Tuesday morning, and health and safety inspec-tors informed them the junk they had been piling up on the street was the dreaded A-thing. The site has now been closed while readings are taken to mea-sure asbestos levels.

HEEL out all the old cracks about the col-lapse of the Roman Ranpire — Covent Garden PR man Victor Trocki, the one-time commodity whitz turned publicity entrepre-neur, is ministering to a brand-new client: a horse-Mr Trocki sort of inherited the hoofed one when he was engaged by its owner, the eponymous telephone-card company, but by the time of true believer. Two-year-old Casycall won his first three

lengths. Victor faxed and Printout (Phil Smith; New rang buddies throughout English Library). the Smoke arging hefty stakes on the performance at York, only to see Easy-call take an uncharacteristically laid-back approach to the course and amble in fourth. He's been banished to the gym (the horse, not Victor) to get back on form for September. And strictly no more of those out-rich lunches with his PR man.

BLAST from the past (1): Channel 4's ex-pose a week ago of the real cause of the 1973 Konkordski disaster was worth watching for one priceless period film clip. The scene was Tehran, where a British delegation was desper-ately trying to flog Con-corde to the Iranians. And who was that sleek-suited politico smarming up to the Shah? Skameless old (young) Herra.

BLAST from the past (2): The BRC had bes-ter shape up if its wants that £100 licence fee. Tuesday night saw Out of this World swallow (nearly) whole a Indicrous tale of computer-screen messages from the dead. Aside from the technical errors (the Beeb declared there had been neither in-Easycall's appearance at termet nor E-mail in the York last week Victor was a mid-80a), nobody seemed to notice the marked similaritles between this "true" races (at Leicester, New-market and Goodwood) by an average three and a half called The Saxonbury

S THE property market picks up, so estate agents return to their equilibrium state (total unbearability). Proof comes with a communique from Knight Frank, headed Knight Frank, headed "Goodbye Mr Chips", a document that seems, at first giance, to mourn the decline of private boarding schools. But, hey, there's always a silver lining, and Knight Frank says plenty of old schools are now coming on to its books, while those facing closure seek cheaper premises. "Clearly cheaper premises. "Clearly any such options would be preferable in many cases to the staff, parents and children than seeing a much loved ... school close," drivels spokesman Rupert Sweeting. "Realising the most from these property assets is where specialist knowledge of the market plays an important role." In Mr Chips's day, written English of that standard would have serned Master Sweeting a painful encoun-ter with the cane.

AINSBURY is to open the first of its new "small-town" stores in March. In November. That is, the store in March (in Cambridgeshire) will open in November (the month after October). The company is pondering its advertising to ensure that March customers turn up in Nocustomers turn up in No-

Cockburn sanguine at first loss n 204 years

Outlook

Roger Cowe

cheures, dispossit and redun-dancies. Exceptional costs add up to \$132 million, mostly for writing off stocks and clos-ing office properties, but also for several hundred reduc-

dencies, amounced earlier this year.

Losses of fidtinifion will also be incurred on selfing-businesses, such as the stationary operation which was one of the old guard's last failed diversifications, and fin there in DIY chain Do It All, one they made earlier, Even before all that, how

wer, the group's being perior terday. Operating profit from fise continuing bestances full from F127 million to F116 mil-lion, with the main call street justiness the main call. prit. Elsewhere, Virgin Our Price (of which Richard Bran-son's empire owns a quarter) improved dramatically, as did Waterstone's book shops while the group is also begin-ning to make money from

ports in the US. Mr Cockburn pointed to the evidence of improvement throughout, but even in that period the main UK retail chain made less profit than in the same period last year. Action has already been

taken to overcome the stag-nant sales and plunging prof-its of a chain which at one time seemed to have as strong a position in the high street as Boots The Chemist, but

supermarkets.

A new management team
has been recruited, the final
member of which will be an
mounced in the next few days

which has seen its started more sectously eroded by the

The organisation has been transformed to try to pin down profit responsibility Head office staffing has been reduced, and so have the product ranges stocked in the

should fill the stores. Over

There is a long way to up, m Mr Cockburn admitted. "I will take at least three years" habite of a lifetime.

He likes mountaineering analogies, suggesting the group is "in the footbills of the Cuiragarme" but loaded with supplies, atrategy, maps, guides and energy with which to reach the reach. But Mr. to reach the peak. But Mr Cockburn will also know that there are pleaty of pitfalls, even without the unhelpful attentions of competing

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News in brief

## Stena loses £55m as competition hots up

FIERCE competition in the English Channel has led to first-half pre-tax losses of \$86 million (265.4 million) for the Swedish ferry

company Steria Line.

The company said that prices had fallen in the peak season because Eurotimnel halved its charges in July on Le Shuttle, the tunnel rail link. It also blamed the late delivery of two ships and operational difficulties. — Keith Harper

400 new jobs at Tyneside yard MORE than 400 new jobs will be created at a Tyneside offshore engineering yard which has become part of a major Norwegian

company, it was amounced yesterday.

The purchase by Aker Oil and Gas Technology of a 70 per cent stake in McNulty Offshore Services at South Shields will result in the doubling of the existing 450 workforce.

Finance director David McNulty said: "In the past, we have only been able to build but with Aker we will be able to undertake blezer contracts." — PA indertake bigger contracts." — PA

BA ends Mediterranean row

BRITISH Airways intends to stop flying three unprofitable Middle Rastern routes, serving them instead through a franchise agreement with British Mediterranean Airways. The agreement ends a dispute between the two airlines since BA resumed services to the eastern Mediterranean in early 1996.

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its cabin onew will wear BA uniforms. BA said the pact begins on October 27 when it will drop services to Damascus, Amman and Beirut.—Bloomberg

Johnston's ad sales optimism

JOHNSTON Press — whose purchase last month of Emap newspapers for £205 million made it the UK's biggest regional newspaper group — sees signs of a pick-up in the advertising market. Amouncing a jump in half-year profits from £8.1 million to \$12.6 million, executive chairman Fred Johnston said the recent improvement in retail sales was beginning to be reflected in the advertising market. The group had also benefited from the recent decline in the price of newsprint after two years of increases. — Protei



"Belgium has taken the radical step of banning all ostrich and camel racing on its public roads, even though no-one can recall such races ever taking place."

# Too good to be true for Ferreira

OME THINGS never change. The New York Mets appoint a new coach this week and still lose; Bob Dole makes yet another uncharismatic speech; South Africa's Wayne Ferreira enters a Grand Slam with rich promise of success and promptly goes down the

Swanee.

The South African, world-ranked No. 7 and seeded ninth at the US Open, arrived here having won more matches than anyone on the American hard-court circuit this summer, including victory in the Canadian Open. It was a recipe for disaster.

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Yesterday morning, in the
first round, he lost to his fellow South African David Nainkin 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, Nainkin, ranked a pairry 215, had never previously won a Grand Slam match and before qualifying for these championships had lost nine succes-

The two players frequently practise together. Perhaps familiarity bred contempt, or at least complacency, in Fer-reira's mind, "At two sets up I didn't know what to do," said a still bemused Nainkin. But he had worked it out by the fourth set. Ferreira blasted Nainkin's winning drop shot, second bounce, in the direc-tion of the Hudson and

Night time did not appear to be the right time for either to be the right time for either
Steffi Graf or Goran Ivanisevic who, under the glare of head for more than the odd

In the evening the thwack of racket on ball vies mightly with the chomp of a thousand jaws. The attention span of the average fans at Flushing Meadow, particularly at this time, is not huge and silence is a foreign word.

Ivanisevic has never pro-gressed beyond the fourth round at the US Open and for the past two years has gone out in the first. There seemed every possibility of an igno-minious hat-trick against Russia's Andrei Chesnokov,

Russia's Andrei Chesnokov, who took the first set 6-1.

The demons in Ivanisevic's head were unloosed; his eyes leaped from left to right with manic gleam; words, unrecognisable to all but Croatians, spilled from his mumbling lips. In America all things are possible and Chesnokov must have believed it

have believed it.
There was no sign of any psychiatrist in the shadow of the umptre's chair as Ivanise vic aat down at the end of the first set. Yet, when he stood up, the devils had been ban-ished and so was Chesnokov.

The "Goran, Goran, Gone" headlines were binned.
The best time to best Graf is at the beginning of a Grand Slam tournament and this happens only once in a blue moon. Eyes were raised to the skies to check for colour when Indonesia's Yayuk Ba-suki gained a 5-2 lead in the second set. But the moon was silvery yellow and Graf went on to win 6-3, 7-6, although Basuki squandered 2 4-1 lead in the tie-break.

floodlights and the aroma of hot dogs and hamburgers, found themselves struggling. "I was thinkuged with them. "I was think-



Night fright . . . for Steffi Graf, who won 6-3, 7-6 after being 5-2 down in the second set against Yayuk Basuki нечүү гү

haps she should have a word with Ivanisevic. On the other

hand, perhaps not. The black-bat night landed on the shoulders of Britain's Greg Rusedski in the shape of Hendrik Dreekmann and plunged the British No. 2 into even greater darkness.

never gave a hint of changing that this time, losing 6-2, 6-4, 6-2. Rusedski's service was an

ing, I don't know what I'm was on top of his game but this will surely not hold thinking. I think I'm thinking against Rusedski, who has for long. Mark Philippoussis too much sometimes." Per never won a match here and equalled it during a walloping 7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 win over his fellow Australian Mark Woodforde.

low bounce worked heavily against the 19-year-old Australian's huge backswing. On Flushing Meadow's hard

6-2. Rusedski's service was an unoiled hinge and his rapid rise to world No. 33 last year is seemingly in equally sharp reverse now.

He still holds the record for the fastest recorded serve (137mph) on the ATP Tour

Woodforde.

Philippoussis is on course to meet Pete Sampras, whom he picked up like a tropical storm in the Australian Open this year and dumped in straight sets. Sampras beat him at Wimbledon, where the year.

#### Cycling

# Boardman in debt to Tour and Obree

#### Barry Andrew In Manchester

HRIS BOARDMAN did as he had promised and took pursuiting into a new yesterday. The world charm pesterday. The world cham-pionships were less than an hour old when Britsin's 1992 Olympic gold medal-list claimed the world 4,000 metres record by more than

six seconds.

Boardman, in his first pursuit series for two years, covered the 16 laps of the 250-metre track in 4min 13.353ecc — obliterating the 4.19.698 recorded by the Italian Andrea Collinelli when he took Olympic gold in Atlanta last month.

Reardman who was easily the control of the Boardman, who was 28 on Monday, recently spoke of "4.16.00 or perhaps a lit-tle faster" and admitted he was surprised at the time, which was achieved despite a shaky start when he turned left and rode off the bottom of the track.

"It was a bad start; it cost me a few tenths of a second," said the Wirral rider, who caught and elim-mated his opponent, Germany's Jens Lehman, at half-distance in a repeat of the 1992 Barcelona final.
"I was as nervous as I

have ever been simply be-Flushing Meadow's haru courts Sampras may be in considerable difficulty.

Tim Henman, who beat Brazil's Roberto Jabali in his opening match, will next play opening match, will next play helanta's Doug Flach, con-

als, slowing to 4.14.784, and head the qualifiers for today's medal rides.

Boardman, whose best pursuit time before yester-day was the 4.24.496 he recorded in Barcelona, rode in the extended Superman position introduced last year by Graeme Obree, who was prevented from defend-ing his world title this week by illness. Boardman, third in the

Olympic road time-trial, tried the position for the first time after returning from Atlanta. "Within the first hour it was clear it was an advantage," he said.
"I take my hat off to Graeme. He has now devised two positions which have revolutionised pursuiting. He deserves suiting. He deserves

respect."

Boardman had a special set of handlebars built for his Eddy Merckx bike and appeared at ease yesterday in turning out three successive 1km splits inside

The performance also explained Boardman's confi-dence in his ability to break Tony Rominger's world one-hour record of 55.291km when he makes his bid at Manchester on September 6 or 7. Boardman's average

speed, allowing for the standing start, of his first ride yesterday was Boardman returned to 56.837kph (35.523 mph). beat the Russian Edouard "But 56km is not impossi-Gritson in the quarter-fin-ble," he said.

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## Weaver ban brings Double blow

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The ban for persistent careless and irresponsible riding he has been found guilty of four separate offences during the season - runs from August 31 to September 18.
But if he offends again within four months he will suffer a further nine days suspension — the normal four days plus the five deferred Weaver commented: "Rules are rules. I accept the deci-

The suspension means Michael Caulfield, secre-

tary of the Jockeys' Association, is not happy with the tot-ting-up system and has asked the Jockey Club to review it. This is unlikely to happen just yet, however, as it has been in operation for only eight months and the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee wants more time in which to judge it.

Caulfield is particularly critical of its application over what is termed a "rolling 12 The five-day referral is nor-mally over six months but months" from the time of the | not guilty of any offence and | Peitsche at Baden-Baden.

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tory in these matters is the

inconsistency of local stewards' decisions and this is the ger, carrying \$225,000 added reason why Dettorl spoke out last week about every case being judged on its merits.

A classic example came yesterday when the appeal of Richard Hills against the four-day ban he was given by the Yarmouth stewards last

ary committee.

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quence they reinstated War-dara as the winner of the

No doubt the Yarmouth stewards will receive a sharp trainer Mark Johnston to age him to ride badly in the take the mount on Double last few months.

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# Pearce is obvious leading candidate

David Lacey finds Glenn Hoddle seeking | Pearce's junior and has a good talker to be his captain in the future

him — or not, as the case may be. Glenn Hoddle is due to reveal tomorrow the identity of the player their opening World Cup qualifier against Moldova in Kishinev on Sunday but the significance of his decision will be judged only in retro-

With Tony Adams, Terry Venables's captain in the European Championship, and David Platt, Adams's predeessor, injured and out of the cessor, injured and out of the squad there would appear to be only one logical option for Hoddle to take. Having talked Stuart Pearce out of international retirement, surely he will give the Nottingham For-est man the armband now.

After all, the 34-year-old Pearce has won 70 caps and has skippered the side on several occasions. And, if Joe Mercer could make Emlyn Hughes, old Crazy Horse, an England captain, then why not keep faith with Geronimo? It is only that, when Hoddle discussed his ideas on Southgate, who is eight years ary scale here."

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Y HIS choice of cap-tain shall you know the name of Pearce did not immediately spring to mind. "People have got a fallacy about captains ranting and raving and putting their fist in the air, which is a load of rubbish," the England coach observed. "The best captain I played with was Stevie Perryman at Tottenham. He was a sensible talker and a very un-

selfish player for those who were more gifted than he was.
"It's important that the job pitch. It's not as big as cricket maybe but it is a job that is different to club level.

that the captaincy is going to be a long-term situation, it's got to be the right man. I shall know by Friday who the captain is going to be but I still need to talk to a few

shown many of the qualities mentioned by Hoddle, even though he has not been cap-tain at Aston Villa. Alterna-tively he could go for Pearce ams and Platt will eventually become available for recall, and leave Southgate for the future. It will still be surprising if Pearce is not given the chance at the outset The make-up of the team

Hoddle will send out on Sun-day has been clarified only to the extent that Steve McManaman will not be in it. Both he and Robbie Fowler reported goes to a fellow who can pool yesterday but will return handle himself on and off the to Anfield before Hoddle's squad fly out tomorrow to continue resting their back injuries.

"We've also got to remember that in the World Cup we'll be playing tough away games in Moldova, Georgia, Poland and Italy. So, if I feel likely recall for Batty, And, with Darren Anderton and may yet be a role for Matthew Le Tissier, especially if Paul Gascoigne's Achilles problem

Batty or Le Tissier. As Ba-sil Fawlty said: "Well, we've



First Division: Wolverhampton Wanderers 1, Queens Park Rangers 1

## Dichio's special keeps Wolves at bay

HERE were signs against Bradford last Saturday of the Molineux natives getting restless over Wolves' new siow-mo-tion tactics after the fast-forward style of Graham Taylor and it prompted a damning verdict of the former England manager from his successor Mark McGhee, in last night's

For years this football club has persevered season after season with a direct style of football that has failed to bring success everyone wants," McGhee wrote.

Redgrave may

Olympic gold

STEVE REDGRAVE, who said straight after his latest Olympic triumph

that anyone who saw him

step into another boat had

permission to shoot him.

retire from rowing.

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Redgrave became the

first oarsman to win four

gold medals at successive

Olympics when he and Mat-thew Pinsent took the cox-

And yesterday the 34-

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ruled out going for a fifth successive gold in Sydney

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can downfield and chasing after it. The squad I inherited were short of both physical and mental strength, were under-coached, and displayed practically no desire to try and appreciate tactics. "The changes we are seeing

hoofing the ball as far as they

this season represent a quan-tum leap in the progress the squad has made and I know that the way I am asking the team to play is the way to pro-gress to the Premier League." No one could have argued with that, judging by the way Wolves went all out for an early kill last night.

after being slipped through by Roberts. Then Bull, having scored all four of Wolves goals in their opening two games, had Sommer sprawling full length to keep the Londoners off the canvas.

throwing men forward and in a second soon after only to the 18th minute were only a miss the target when one-toball's-width away from engi-neering a debut goal for the in-rushing Steve Slade from

Brevett's deep cross more menace up front. Som-mer kept them at bay with more saves from Thompson and Corica, who were both

But the American goal-keeper was left floundering in the 25th minute by Simon Os-

born's spectacular 30-yard free-kick, which dipped over him and into the net off the under side of the bar. Roberts should have added

one with the goalkeep But against the flow Rangers equalised four min-utes from the break. Daniels Dichio was 35 yards out in no man's land when he un-leashed an ambitious volley that sailed over the stranded

Stowell and high into the net.

• The Scottish FA have following an incident during last Saturday's Scottish League First Division match between Falkirk and Partick Thistle at Brockville. And Craig could face more punishment because the SFA's refer ee disciplinary committee is to consider the incident in the turnel involving the Falkirk

## Wiseman leads a tricky mission at Planet FA

Martin Thorpe meets the other head man | concessionary rates for England matches. charged with taking England into a new era

and vice-chairman of Southampton, Keith Wiseman is used to being realistic. So it is no surprise when he says: "Some people want the world changed over-night but it doesn't work like

The particular world that want overhauled is lanet FA, the unique lifeform at Lancaster Gate of which Wiseman was recently

At 51 Wiseman represents | 51. I quite like it." policy; he took over from an convincing those in and out of football that this anachronistic organisation of mainly amateur interests can ever offer dynamic and coherent leaders ship to an increasingly money-driven game he has taken on a task that could put years on him.

One Premiership club chairman recently described the Football Association as a lost cause. And a catalogue of PR disasters, from fights with the Premier League over television rights to Terry Venables's departure, the Cathay Pacific fiasco and the Euro 96 ticket scandal has merely reinforced the view that the FA is a cock-up waiting to

happen.
"It is always much more that image," fun to portray that image," says Wiseman, "but the FA's actions are under a media microscope unlike any other business or operation in the world. So, when you pick out individual things that happen, these would come up in Wiseman . . . evolutionary

IDDLESBROUGH yester-day alleviated fears that

Fabrizio Ravanelli faces a

lengthy lay-off because of an ankle injury.

Juventus suffered an ankle

problem which virtually elimnated the Italian striker from

The £7 million signing from

S A LAWYER, a coroner j any other business, but they don't get reported.
"It is also wrong to infer that, because people on the FA Council represent the am-

ateur game, they are amateur-ish. They are businessmen and professionals too, like Premiership club chairmen. "And is any other governing body different from us?" mean, we're all old farts, aren't we? In fact it has given

come an old fart at the age of rather than a revolutionary there is "scope for more Premier League representation on the FA Council".

me enormous pleasure to be-

He would like to see "a smaller group of people carry-ing out decisions". He is concerned that children can afford to see high-priced games and he will be looking into



the other ankle this time. His

injury is not a worry and we're confident he will be fit

to play next week." Chariton's central defender

Richard Rufus, suffering knee trouble, is the latest player to

withdraw from England's captain.

But Wiseman also wants a

place for tradition. He sup-ports help for the smaller clubs "which play an enor-mons part in the local com-munity and in developing players"; he wants everyone in the game to "remember this is a sport and that not all decisions should be taken for commercial reasons". Ask him, crucially, if he wants to make the FA more

decisive, pro-active and actu-

ally looking as though it leads the game and he answers: "That would be fair comment. One has to be sharper nowa-days because of the microappropriate now for the game octogenarian. But in terms of as he accepts the need for to be led by someone my age. was chairman it was a differ ent world altogether. There has been more change in the past five years than in the previous 50. So it is important to convey the impression that the thing has come through a

generation and is headed up by an age group familiar with modern business and profes-sional problems." As for all the glad-handing and politicking to be done in Uefa and Fifa — especially as the FA is going for the 2006 World Cup — Wiseman is ready. "We have to impose our significance as one of the

leading footballing nations", he urges When Wiseman became chairman he received a card from a schoolboy friend with whom he first watched Southampton as a nine-year-old. It said simply: "This is a long way from the boys' section at The Dell." Ketth St John Wiseman is about to find out

in 2000, something that no athlete has achieved in any sport in the Olympics. Redgrave admitted: "I've told everybody that I have given up but it's still going to be very, very difficult and I don't know if I can Boro play down Ravanelli ankle injury walk away. I think I'll be back in a boat by October. But Boro's assistant man- | Under-21 squad for the Euro-ager Viv Anderson said: "It's | pean Championship tie in pean Championship tie in Moldova on Saturday. But "Rowing has been my life for 20 years and I still love it. I think I'm capable of Leicester's teenage striker Emile Heskey is expected to doing it, the only question is whether I'm capable of having the enthusiasm of doing the training for the be fit.

# Monty quick out of Ryder blocks

**David Davies** at Collingtree Park

AVID GILFORD, in that quietly under-stated way of his, came stated way of his, came straight to the point. "This," he said of his three-under-par 69, "is not the start of a Ryder Cup campaign. It was just a good opening round, no more

than that."
It left him three strokes behind the leader, Gavin Leven-son of South Africa, after the first round of the One 2 One British Masters at at this course near Northampton, a tournament with a £700,000 prize fund and a £116,660 first prize that gives the winner a iseful start to the Ryder Cup

rat-race. The very fact that Gilford, a vital component of last year's team, had been asked about that contest against the Americans indicates that the frenzy has begun. From this day hence no good round, no good finish, no win will come good missi, ho win will come without a Ryder Cup connotation. The leading players will declare themselves heartly sick of the whole thing. Then they will go to Valderrama and play themselves into the ground, just for the glory.

Gilford's carefully compiled (on, with major interruptions round of six birdies and three logeys left him one behind the European No. 1 Colin Montgomerie, a man who sadly has not played much golf recently. His father James, the secretary at Royal Troon, recently had two heart attacks and is still in hospital recovering from a by-pass op-eration. Montgomerie withdrew from last week's Ger-man Open and would have withdrawn here too but for the fact that his father urged

him to play.
"He told me that keeping "He told me that keeping busy would keep my mind off things," said Montgomerie fils, "and of course he is right. I'm not really concentrating fully on what I'm doing, my mind's elsewhere. When you make a birdie, you tend to think Right, where's the next one? But, when you miss a putt or drop a shot, you can start to think about things. It's very difficult but hope-fully it will get easier throughout the week. Four-68s will do quite week." Montgomerie was fortunate in having an 8.15am start be-

for thunderstorms which eventually led to play being curtailed, they turned blue to the naked eye, black on television. The dye initially used to make them look presentable instead made them look Putting surfaces of this standard are not acceptable

for tournament play but Le-venson adopted the right atti-tude on the greens, blues or blacks. "You can't expect any-thing from them," he said. "I just decided I was going to hit everything at the hole." By the end of the round he had used only 22 putts, chipping in twice. Levenson, whose career is

community. There is a ninehole course in the grounds of Nelson Mandela's official residence, the Presidency, and Levenson organised a golf day there attended by the most influential businessmen, sportsmen and politiincluding Mandela. FW de Klerk, Naas Botha and Jimmy Cook.

"We want to change things in South Africa," said Levenson. "We are trying to give everybody who wants to play golf an opportunity to do so. That hasn't happened for many years. It is aimed at black youngsters more than black youngsters more than white but we are not necessarily looking to make champions. If they and the black winding down, devotes a lot businessmen as well want to of his time these days to encouraging golf in the black be able to have that chance."

#### Olazabal given driving licence

THE European Tour will let Jose-Maria Olazabal, who suffers from rheuma-told arthritis in both feet, use a golf cart to transport at the Open Novotel Perrier
Pairs event in Bordeaux on
October 17-20 October 17-20. they appear". As the day wore

However the Tour has stressed that it is a "oneoff" concession to the Spaniard, whose career has been put in jeopardy by the conand giv

#### Grobbelaar given new mission as Zimbabwe national manager

Russell Thomas

BRUCE GROBBELAAR Underlined his desire to remain in football for several more years when he was appointed manager of the Zimbah-wean national team. Only five months before

Grobbelaar goes to court to answer match-rigging charges Zimbabwe entrusted their 38-year-old former goalkeeper with leading his country's at-tempt to reach the African Nations Cup finals and the 1998 World Cup in France. But Grobbelaar, who as Plymouth's goalkeeper this season has helped the

Devon club head the Second Division after being released by Southampton, will remain based in England. "While I'll leave the coaching duties to my partner," he said, "the boys will have training camps and fax me recommendations of who to select for the internationals."

Because of Zimbabwe's tournament ambitions, goalkeeping coach.

Grobbelaar "wants to play for at least another four years". Of the court case in January he said: "Let's wait and see what happens. In the meantime I can get on with playing."

Andy King, the former Everton midfielder, has become the latest managerial victim with his departure from Mansfield. King had been suspended on Monday pending talks

with the chairman Keith Haslam yesterday morning. That meeting lasted only 15 minutes. The reserve team manager Steve Parkin takes temporary charge. Appointed in November 1993, King took Mansfield to the Third Division playoffs in his first full se in charge. But after finish-ing 19th last season Mansfield lost the first three games this season without

scoring a goal. He is the third manager in the Third Division to leave this season, following Sammy Chung (Doncaster) and Ray Clemence (Barnet), now England's

Results Soccer NATIONWIDE LEAGUE First Division

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP Second round

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Chester 1; Wigan 0, Lincoin 2;
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**Fixtures** 

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BENSON & HEDGES CUP: Qualification of Manchester v Slough (7.30). Hockey TOUR MATCH (S.O. Bisham): England U-21 v US U-21. WOSHEN'S BUTROPHAN U-21 NATONE CUP (10.), WIS Cardinj: Group At Ger-many v Utrains (10.0): Wrise v Spain (12.0), droup to England v Netherlands (2.0); Rusela v Cz Rep (4.0).

#### Sport in brief

or Ryder Cup qualifying.

Rugby League

First and Second Division clubs concerned about future distribution of News Corporation's £87 million are talking of a breakaway and a return to winter play, writes Paul Fitzpatrick. They will hold an emergency meeting tomorrow. Shaun Edwards has signed a new two-year contract with Wigan. The 29-yearwill miss Great Britain's southern hemisphere tour.

Snooker

Tony Drago has been fined \$2,500 for misconduct before and during the Thai Open. Maita's 30-year-old world No. 15 admitted unruly behaviour on the flight to Bangkok and knocking the balls off the table during a 5-2 first-round defeat by Willie Thorne.

Sailing

The "Budgies" are flying after nine of the 15 Audi Euro Cup and National Laser 5000 Championship races at Hayling Bey, writes Bob Fisher. Andy and Ian Budgen had a first and second and lead overall by 10 points.

# **Rowell finds** no place for the old guard

Robert Armstrong on the omission of an experienced England quartet

BW-year interna-tional career could be at an end after nis omission from a 43-man his comission from a 43-man England squad announced yesterday for next Wednesday's first training session of the new season. Jeremy Guscott, Dean Richards and Rory Underwood have also been shown the door by the manager Jack Rowell after sharing in last season's Five Nations success.

Nations success.
The 30-year-old Carling's dysfunctional relationship with Rowell since last year's World Cup may ultimately count more heavily against his future England prospects than the fact that he will be 33 by the time of the 1999 World Cup in Britain and France.

When Carling, Guscott, Richards and Underwood, who between them have won nearly 250 caps, were origi-nally left out of a summer training squad in early July the Rugby Football Union issued a rather evasive explanation: 'Their qualities are well known and they will be considered for selection when the season gets under way." Then, as now, those words were widely interpreted as the first hint that the selectors' axe was poised.

Clearly Rowell needs to de velop a dynamic squad which gives talented youngsters a lighting chance of establish ing an England place well in advance of the next World Cup. There is also the consistently good form of the Bath captain Phil de Glanville to consider: his leadership skills also make him a credible candidate for the vacant England captaincy which Carling relinquished last March.

year-old captain and

scrum-half Robbie Paul

Will Carling said he was

relishing playing beside Compolly, regarded as the best centre in rugby league. Carling said: "I am keen to

play both ordes.

Quins sign Paul

and Connolly

By the exacting standards of modern Test rugby, though, Carling is not too old to play for England, who have top-drawer fixtures lined up against France and Australia next year, not to mention tricky games against Italy and Argentina this autumn. Carling has the priceless experience of 67 international appearances as well as quali-

perience of 67 international appearances as well as qualities of courage and enthusiasm to offer his country.

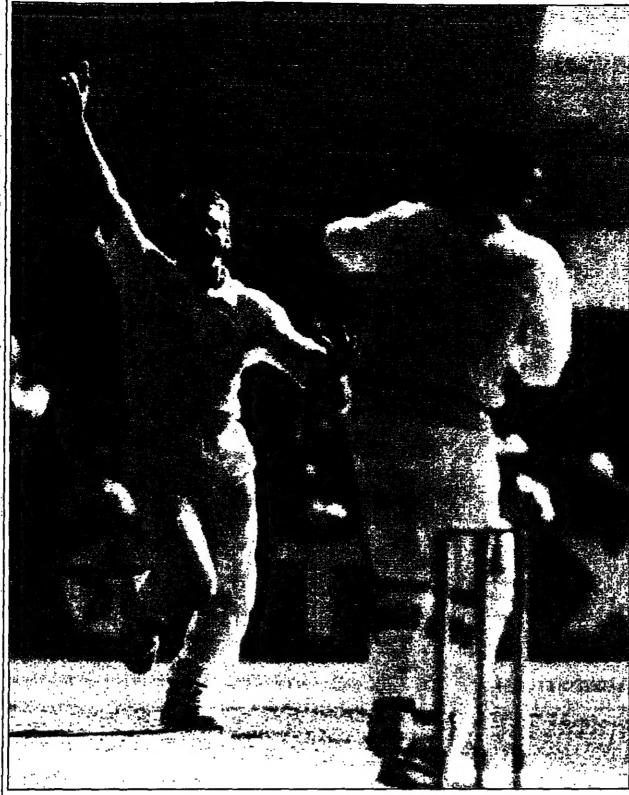
The unique skills of the 31-year-old Guscott should not be casually discarded either, despite occasional periods of indifferent form last season. As for Richards and Rory Underwood, who are both 38, they could still prove there is abundant Test life in their bodies. If Rowell chooses to rely strictly on performance rely strictly on performance and not birth certificates, England could reap a late har-

vest from the golden oldies.

The Bath quartet of Andy
Robinson, Graham Dawe, Victor Ubogu and Jonathan Callard have also been left out by Rowell, their long-time men-tor at the Recreation Ground. Ubogu, who at 30 is positively youthful for a Test prop, can consider himself hard done by while Callard, who won a handful of caps, was never given a genuine chance to establish himself.

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#### A SECOND BOTHAM ARRIVES IN STYLE



Chip off the old block . . . Ian Botham's 19-year-old son was called up for Hampshire yesterday and began his first-class career by taking five Middlesex wickets for 67, including that of the former England captain Mike Gatting, something nior never managed in 15 seasons. Here he claims another England victim. Phil Tufnell Photograph day swith

Minor Counties MCC Trophy Final: Bedfordshire v Cheshire

## Cheshire again the big cheese

**Paul Weaver** at Lord's sees Larkins miss out on another knock-out winner's medal

ARLEQUINS yester—ageinst Bath last May.

day completed their Asked whether he could summer recruitment play rugby union for Engineering with the sign—land, he said: "In the shorting of two of rugby league's term, rugby league players and Bradford Bulls' 20 that we can make ourselves and Bradford Bulls' 20 that we can make ourselves opening batsmen, has never been particularly lucky. His into international union 13 Test caps were won either side of his cavalier pomp and Durham released him last players. Playing round the have each agreed deals year will not bother me. I which will allow them to have appeared in Australia year because they thought Dean Jones was coming, only for the Australian to opt for

Paul is the younger brother of Wigan's stand-off Henry, who will be play-ing with Bath this winter. Meanwhile, Harlequins' Derbyshire. At Lord's "Ned" has played in nine finals, most famously against West Indies in the Carling said: "I am Keen to learn from him. He could be London rivals Wasps were playing for Harlequins as early as September 11 against Cardiff if his league commitments permit."

Meanwhite, management wasps were last night in talks with the Home Office after it against Cardiff if his league marged that a work permit for their new rugby 1979 World Cup, and finished on the winning side only twice. Yesterday he was a loser again as Bedfordshire were beaten by six wickets commitments permit."

Connolly has only played rugby union once, the cross-code challenge not be renewed. with six balls to spare by

AYNE LARKINS, one of the most entertaining and destructive of pening batsmen, has never een perticularly lucky. His did not lose their second wicket until the score was

> Larkins has been in spec-tacular form this year, mak-ing five hundreds for Richmond in the South Durham and North Yorkshire League and seven for Bedfordshire Unfortunately only one has been in the MCC Trophy. He failed to reach double

figures in the quarter- and semi-finals and yesterday was most un-Nedlike, pottering

Rogland indoor team. The pair had put on 70 (Dalion 47) when Bedfordshire lost two wickets in three balls in the same over but to differ-

ent bowlers. Larkins, who struck one straight four to evoke happier days, was out bowler retired hurt. Paul Bryson bowled the remaining five balls of the over and, with his second delivery, caught and bowled Neil Stanley. It was Dalton's first appear-

player faced 117 deliveries and hit nine fours and four sixes before he was run out by a direct throw from the boundary. "Wayne has got to learn to play a few shots," he said afterwards. when he gave a sharp return David Clarke scored 55 and catch to Tim Bostock, but the Bedfordshire's total of 253 for

Northamptonshire second XI

seven appeared competitive. But Cheshire's victory always looked assured once Paul Bry-son and Mark Saxelby had added 112 in 23 overs for the

#### Surrey snub TCCB over Lewis

SURREY will defy the Test of the TCCB had asked the county Cricket Board by playing Chris Lewis in their crucial Championship match with Warwickshire at the TCCB had asked the county to leave out Lewis as part of the disciplinary action against him after he reported against him after he reported at the for the Test against Pakiith six balls to spare by about for 15 in 16 overs and their crucial Champtonship against him after the shire.

Cheshire, who also best by his opening partner Rich. The Oval which begins today.

David Hopps gives his top-five prediction as the Championship approaches its climax

#### **England given** No rest for Cork in the title chase final ultimatum

MGLAND face a nine-persuade the RFU to save the five Nations Championship in its current form," said the committee.

The home unions are divid-sions demanded over talevi-sions demanded over talevi-

Armstrong.
Scotland, Wales and Ireland have already drawn up a de-tailed schedule for a new fournation tournament, together with France, which they plan to hold instead of the Five Nations between January and

April next year. Fred McLeod, the Scottish Rugby Union president who has strongly advocated an equal-shares-for-all policy since BSkyB made offers to all four unions last May, insisted yesterday that England's future role in the championship lay in their own hands. "We have given the RFU every chance to modify its approach to the sale of broadcasting rights," he said. "If there is no change in that by the end of next week

when the representives of the four home unions are due to meet again, their exclusion from the Five Nations Championship) will be confirmed.

we will then proceed with the new four-nations championship."

A statement issued by the Four Nations television committee made it clear that one final session of talks with RFU representatives would be held. "Discussions will take place in one final attempt to

during our summers."

ed over the putative roles of satellite and terrestrial televisions demander to the control of the five Nations Champion-ship, writes Robert runs out next May. The RFU's runs out next May. new £87.5 million five-year deal with BSkyB, announced three months ago, has angered the other unions because it gives England far more than the others and also reduces the potential live talevision audience for interna-

tionals by up to 10 million.

The RFU president John
Richardson and his fellow nepotiators, Cliff Brittle, John Jeavons-Fellows and Colin Herridge, have hard decisions to make among themselves within the next week. Bitter divisions exist within the quartet over the proper course of action to mollify the other unions, especially the Welsh who have shown a sharp antipathy to BSkyB.

Nevertheless England have demonstrated they hold strong cards in terms of their alternative fixtures for 1997, with six money-spinning Tests against the major Southern Hemisphere nations almost certainly in the bag.

reduced him from a world-class performer to a moderate Test player in little more than

more demanding task over the next few days as he puts his jaded mind and body back behind Derbyshire's championship challenge. England's release of Cork from their one-day squad is no more than gesture politics, a public expression by the electors that they believe he is physically spent even though they are powerless to do anything about it. Had England fielded Cork in two of the three Texaco

matches against Pakistan he could have anticipated 20 overs and, judging by his recent standards, about 10 minutes' batting. With Derbyshire pressing strongly for their first championship for 60 years, the burdens the county will place upon him for Worcestershire's visit to Chesterfield are likely to be

England's voluntary code, in which counties have promised to give due consideration to occasional requests to rest international players, has barely worked satisfactorily even in mid-season.

a year, can anticipate an even

With the International summer almost over, and the championship approaching one of its most exciting climaxes for years, anybody even broaching such a sug-gestion would be dismissed as a fool.

OMINIC CORK, omitted from England's Texaco Trophy squad on the grounds that fatigue has reduced him from a world-class performer to a moderate (English).

Run-in: difficult — York-shire (a), Warwickshire (a), Sussex (b), Glamorgan (b). Strengths: 1, Five successive wins: Essex are deemed to be on the charge. 2, A slightly stooping middle-aged man with a melancholy moustache, an expensive hair transplant and an addiction to keeping fit: Graham Gooch

is an inspiration. is an inspiration.

Weaknesses: 1, Will a pace
quartet of flott, Cowan, Williams and Irani measure up
during a challenging finale?

2, Yorkshire's drought could
break at any moment.

Lord's view if they win: Shame old Fletch couldn't quite cut it for England." Prediction: 245 points, KENT

Played: 14. Points: 212. Stand-in captain: Steve Marsh (English). Coach: Daryl Foster (Australian). Run-in: inviting — Not-tinghamshire (h), Hampshire (h), Gloucestershire (a). Strengths: 1, A good all-round attack in which Dean

Headley, if he stays fit, can bowl himself toto England's winter Test squads. 2. The prospect of a timely pep-talk in the Daily Telegraph from E W Swanton. Weaknesses: 1, They were bottom last year, for heaven's sake, they can't have im-

proved that much. 2. Questionable batting quality if takes them seriously.

Hooper fails.

Lord's view: "Dann fine until Mullally is freed from Lord's view. "Damn fine side, Kent. Damn fine county. Damn fine people."
Prediction: 265 points, run-

DERBYSHIRE Played: 13. Points: 208. Captain: Dean Jones (Austra-lian). Coach: Les Stillman (Australian). reasonable. Run-in:

Worcestershire (h), Somerset

(a), Warwickshire (h), Durham (h). Strengths: 1, Only a fool would dare to tell Dean Jones that they are not good enough. 2, A talented, brash and committed all-round side in which the desire of Devon Malcolm and Phillip DeFreitas to rid themselves of England frustrations could prove

Weaknesses: 1. Dominic Cork looks worn out. 2, See 1. Lord's view: "One should perhaps be grateful that they're not fiddling their pitches any more, but was it really necessary to bring in too Australians?" Prediction: 266 points.

crucial.

LEICESTERSHIRE Played: 13. Points: 202. Cap-

tain: James Whitaker (English). Coach: Jack Birkenshaw (English). Run-in: inviting. Somerset (b), Nottinghamshire (a), Durham (a), Middlesex (h). Strengths: 1. Batting ... the top eight have all scored

England duty to resume his new-ball partnership with Millns. 2, Two successive draws, when they were only one wicket away from vic-

tory, does not sound like the luck of champions.

Lord's view: "It just goes to show that whatever people say there are still plenty of good pros left in the county Prediction: 262 points.

SURREY

Played: 13. Points: 199. Cap-tain: Alec Stewart (English). Coach: Dave Gilbert (Australian). Run-in: difficult. Warwick-

shire (h), Northamptonshire (h), Glamorgan (a), Worcestershire (h). Strengths: 1, Stewart's bristling, heavily polished,

obsessively orderly and over-

more often than a Chris

the boy Alec could pick up an OBE."

Prediction: 244pts, fifth.

Lewis Mercedes.

powering desire to win something. 2, Potentially the best NAMPSHIRE FIRST INC. batting line-up in the country. Weaknesses: 1, The Lon-don road network which, according to Chris Lewis, brings the perpetual hazard of punctures, and could cause havor with team selection. 2, Recent ambitions: punctured

Lord's view: 'Have a quiet word with the PM, old boy, Micky would be delighted if

Cricket

# Law severe on domestic treadmill

Mike Selvey on England's problems as they prepare to face Pakistan again

N THE aftermath of the overwhelming defeat by Pakistan in the Test series further stinging criticism has been aimed at the system which produces England

icketers. The Australian batsman Stuart Law, captain of Queensland and scorer of 11 centuries for Essex this season, says that domestic competition is substandard, that there is too much of it and that at international level there is a lack of a coherent youth policy. On the evidence be has seen, he says, Austra-lia have nothing to worry about when they tour here next summer.

Speaking yesterday from Sri Lanka, where he is on tour with Australia, Law seld that there were "a lot of guys playing county cricket who would not play first-class cricket anywhere else in the

Law is the latest in a line of overseas players who have played in county cricket and departed disillusioned with the standards and stimulation. Frequently, Law said, even in his brief season (he left Essex two weeks ago to join Australia, although he may rejoin them for the championship run-in) there were days when he just could not summon the mental

capacity to compete.

'There are good players with the talent to play international cricket," he said, "but the fact that they play so much takes away their edge and they become less effective as the season goes on. You can turn up for a game so tired that you don't want to be there and, if that's the case,

nglami you ace yourself and get the important games.

'In some matches, if someone else is doing well, you might find yourself thinking well, if I get out, it's a bit of a honus because I can put my-layer a sleep'. In only 10 only 10 long (Innushing), R D is Creek (Glamorpan), D Bough (Yorkhire), B D S Creek (Glamorpan), D Bough (Yorkhire), B W Headley (Kard), F J Barise (Laccantrie). all four days of every game. That's why our competition is

so much stronger." Such intense competition, he thinks, breeds the level of mental toughness that in his view characterises Australian cricket. There is no cricketer tougher than an Australian cricketer. Graham Gooch is a rare English exam-ple and he's still the best in England by a mile. Everything seems to be laid on a plate for some of the players, unlika in Australia where you have to fight your backside off to get anywhere and it still doesn't make you rich." Law singles out another Essex team-mate, Ronnie

Irani, as an example of a young cricketer who had been brought into the international side and who was not given a fair go. "Very rarely

do they try and unearth young blokes," he said. "and when they do, as they have done this year, they don't seem to stick with it. Irani is a most exciting cricketer in county cricket but he has not been given a fair run in the Test side."

However, in all probability Irani will be on this winter's tours of Zimbabwe and New Zealand and during the next few days he has another opportunity to display his credentials in the three-match Texaco Trophy series, which begins at Old Trafford today.

Law, for one, might be baffled by the lack of continuity shown in the selection of baried by the lack of continuity shown in the selection of the squad for this series and the one chosen for the one-day games at the start of the season when England beat India by two matches to nil and would have won the third had the weather not interfered.

Instead of going with the bulk of that squad, six changes (one of them Chris Lewis) have been made, including the omissions of Graeme High appropriate the changes of the changes of the change high appropriate the change of the change high appropriate the change of the change of the change high appropriate the change of the Graeme Hick, arguably the most destructive limitedmost destructive limited-overs batsman in the land, Dominic Cork, the leading England bowler over the past year, and Ali Brown, the Surrey batsman who began his international career by playing like a clown and fin-ished the series batting like a prince to score a century at

But things have moved on: England, finally, have had the vision to look beyond Hick; Cork is tired and bowling poorly; and Brown is getting runs against no one, let alone Wasim, Waqar and Mushtaq.
All those moves could be justified. More perplexing is the
fact that two players, Nasser
Hussain and John Crawley, both of whom have scored Test centuries this season, have given way to middle-order dashers.

It is probable that all 13 players will get a game in the next four days. For today's there and, if that's the case, you shouldn't be playing. In England you have to learn to pace yourself and get 'up' for pace yourself and get 'up' for ham Lloyd, and either Alan Lloyd, and either Alan Mallally or Dean Headley will

PARISTAR Wasin Akram (capt), No Khun (witt), Asmir Sotali, Sace Assam Har Akrami, Isaraman-d-Ma Salam Malik, Agil Majaha, Musit Akunad, Watar Younie, Saqial Muchima, Abou-Salaman, Robasama



Law ... left disillusioned

#### Scoreboard

County Championship (Today 11.0)

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Total (SD overs) 199
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# SportsGuardian

# Graham rejects City job offer

**Martin Thorpe** on the latest twist in the Maine Road saga

EORGE GRAHAM the chance to be-come manager of Manchester City, leaving Bruce Rioch and Jack Charlton as the front-runners to take over at Maine Road. The former Arsenal boss was the early favourite to replace Alan Ball after admitting on Tuesday that he was attracted by the job. His interest was recipro-

cated but, after making a series of phone calls to con-tacts close to the club yesterday, Graham had uncovered so many problems at the club - chief among them lack of money for new players — that he decided against the move

City's chairman Francis Lee is understood to have contacted Graham late yesterday in the hope of agreeing a deal, only to be told the bad news. Graham's change of mind is

surprising given that he had categorised City as the sort of club that would appeal to him. 'I would only consider going back with a big chib that had real ambition and potential," he said on Tuesday. "City most certainly fit

to sell the crowd's favourite Georgi Kinkladze to fund the purchase of new players.

Graham was also worried that City's propensity to change managers as soon as things go wrong — 14 in 24 years — might mean he would not get sufficient time to transform the club's for to transform the club's for-

tunes on the pitch.
On top of all that he questioned Lee's willingness to refrain from dabbling in team affairs and was put off by the constant rumours of board-room splits and possible

Graham's snub is another blow for City's long-suffering fans who want a high-profile manager with a proven track record to lift the team. Rioch, Graham's successor at Arsenal, remains an obvious candidate although there could be complications over compensation following his recent sacking.

The two parties are still dis-cussing severance terms but, if Rioch found himself reemployed, Arsenal could argue that he had not lost out to the same degree and seek to

reduce the payment.
Last night City's directors
held an emergency board
meeting at which it is believed they discussed the possibility of inviting Charlton to assume control. Although Charlton has

shown little or no interest in ending his salf-imposed exile from football, Lee recognises that he is one of the few managers in Britain who revels in that he would probably have formances from ordinary

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Pursuit of excellence . . . Chris Boardman stretches for the record at the World Track Championships in Manchester MAX MASH

# Superman' ride

lopped six seconds off by Italy's Andrea Collinelli at last month's Olympics.

"We decided to go for the time in the early round." Championships at the Man-chester velodrome yester-day with a time of 4min sin's fourth successive 13.353sec. The Wirralbased rider, using the that we could concentrate "Superman" position (with arms fully stretched) for

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# Half chance for Carling to hit back



Frank Keating

comfy flannelling — "the selectors are already aware of their qualities" you do not need to know how to read tea-leaves to realise that Jack Rowell has at last

plucked up the courage to hand the dreaded black-spot to Will Carling, Rory Under-wood, Dean Richards and Jeremy Guscott, the four stalwart musketeers of England's triumphant recent years.

They have each passed their 30th birthday. So have Victor Ubogu, Jon Callard, Andy Robinson and Graham Dawe, the Bath confrères also omitted from the England squad's ted from the England squad's opening training sessions, and one fancies that this quartet will have got the message loud and clear that their sponsored Cellnet telephones will not be ringing with good news from Twickenham any more.

If we actually get to see some rugby when the smoke clears, it will be interesting to discover how Carling re-sponds to Rowell's almost secrilegious cheek. His partner-ship with rugby league's Gery Connolly in the centre for Har-lequins will begin next week and is one of the myriad of spectacular prospects to relish in the new season — if and when the squabbling

stops, that is, Carling welcomed Connolly to London yesterday as "the est centre in Britain". Mind mer England captain had hinted that he might enjoy a run *inside* Connolly — as a flyhelf — this season

Now there's an idea. There the swarthy little thunder-thighs would be able to baunt Rowell and show the manage he had not got rid of his turbulent former skipper that eas-ily. Certainly Carling will be a fixture on both the back pages and the front for a long time to

One of his stated reasons for so dramatically tossing in his eals of office as captain at the end of last season was that he believed he would have a far etter chance of continuing his international career if he rejoined the ranks.

Carling's relief was palpahle as he made his last after-dinner speech as captain at the Hilton Hotel banquet following England's Champi

gainst Ireland in March "Phew, thank the Lord for that," he muttered when sold he would no more have to sit at the top table with the black-tied committee buffers. He had been up there since he was

a callow 22. Only seven times after his 66 international appearances had be been down-table guzzling and guillawing with "the boys" -- and those seven times were "so long ago that I can scarcely remember whether or not I was under the

whether or the two that the table anyway".
How strange it is, mean-while, to salute the end of the rugby league season when the rugby union calendar is just about to begin. It was a thrill on Monday to be in the throng on Monday to be in the throng at that squat, low-slung and heaving little corrugated cru-cible at Knowsley Road when St Helens beat Warrington to put one over Wigan, their grand and un-neighbourly tor-mentors for so long, and be-come the first club to win come the first club to win

rugby league's inaugural summertime championship The trophy itself, as one might expect with Mr Murdoch's cameras around, was almost as big as little Bobby Goulding, captain of the Saints, But Goulding glean more — with pride.

> not have had a more significant day since

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when New Zealand began their planned 28-match tour against St Helens. During the match Germany invaded Poland, Mr Chamberlain de-clared war the following day and within a week the New Zealanders were sailing home Now, 57 years later, it is rugby league itself which is at hartle stations, half still scep-tical about the "self-out" to other corner acclaiming sayiour status for the new, sunnier and less introverted for mat, In such a summer, with European soccer and the Olympics Games as rival treats, rugby league would seem to have reinvented itself dramatically well. It certainly

iey Road on Monday. What must be more worrying to the committed league devotee is the sudden feeling of the biter being bit, the poaching of stars by the other code. We shall see. The fournations flap about the greed-ily realistic fifth is fun and any day now the bot-air Celts will have to grovel over humble pie. But whether the union game in Britain will become rich to belit its new professionalism or bankrupt by Christmas remains to be seen. Watch this space.

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THE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORLD OF EUROPE'S FREE THINKERS

> BURO STAR WEEK

#### LICENSED FOOL

Brcksentrics is not

alone in its appreciation of some of Europes guirker citi-zens. Belpes in Designate, has recently bestowed a civic award apon Percy Wilson, 74. who spends every wgekend shopping in Belger expects everyone do their duty - and

#### LIFE IN THE SEOW LANE

do it whilst wearing a

gorilla suit.

Nice to see a German biker upping the ante in the battle for Europe's prime sunbathing spots, Brivers on the M4 in Gwent. vented their road rage on the biker when he parked in the fast lane, unwrapped his towel, and stretched out on the central reservation.



Belgium has banned camel and ostrich racing on public roads. But a spakesman for the country's local councils was unsure why: "As Far as we know, no one has ever tried to race camels or astriches here before." Still it is worth passing the law. you never know when it: might come in handy.

#### PUPPY LOVE

It was a beautiful

occasion. The bride

wore lace, the groom a grey tuxedo and at that most touching of moments the happy couple. Mali and Siencyn, turned around and licked each other. For Bethan Gapper, 28, of Ystrad Mynach. Mid Glamorgan, it was a dream come true. She had spent three hundred pounds on this wedding for her two Cooker spaniers. and said she would

treasure her memory

of it for years to

#### DEATH BECOMES HIM

Beath, it has been observed, can be a bit of a downer. And funerals are seldow much fun - unless they are in the hands of Rodneys ord. 56, of Norton, Sheffield. Challenging the age old wiedom that death be dour, he is marketing an afternative; brightly-coloured coffins in animal shapes of your choice. The sight of Aunt Beryl being carried to a better place, safe in the belly of a psychedelic fish, may bring tears of different kind,

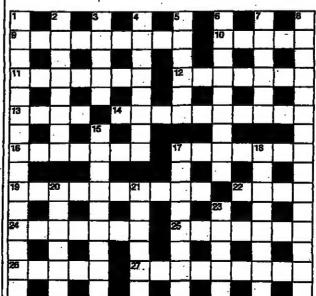
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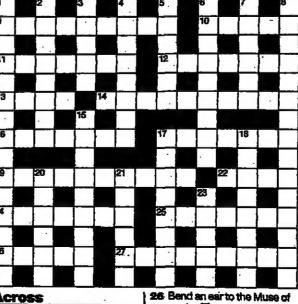
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